uerrillas kidnap 400 pupils from school in Rhodesia

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State, said in Washington that the Rhodesian authorities "should understand clearly that under no circumstances can they count on any form of American assistance in their effort to prevent majority rule". Last week's announcement by Mr Smith had resulted in " a new and more dangerous situation" the American Secretary of (report, page 7).

Forced march into Botswana

Jan 31

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black schoolchildren was from the St Albert's Roman Catholic mission in north-east Phodesia in July 1973 when 300 pupils and staff were driven into Mozambique. But Rhodesian security forces rescued nearly

Information today flew a large contingent of local and foreign journalists to the remote mis-

desian relations with Borswana.

ating from its territory into Rhodesia. "On the contrary, this is one more incident to add to a long

Last month the Botswana Government rejected a Rho-desian request for direct talks on the mounting border tension. Security

Rhodesia has repeatedly claimed that the increasing guerrilla activity in southern parts of the country results from insurgency from Bots-

the Manama area have been strengthened there is no indi-cation that Rhodesian troops have crossed the border in pur suit of the students and staff There has been no official indi

ernment | TUC presses for state sector lead on Bullock

By Paul Routledge

ahead with plans to introduce Bullock-style influstrial demo-cracy in the public sector well in advance of the Govern-ment's proposals to legislate for worker-directors in private

in many respects the housing crisis The TUC has drawn up a list of more than 20 state-owned industries and subsidiaries within which trade union representation at board level is to be demanded in line with the t the Acts "inhibit og stock of housing used to full advan-Bullock report. Those enterprises employ more than 2,500,000 workers. The unions aim to accelerate the pace of acceptance of worker power in doubt that the com-d obscurity of the source of frustration the private sector by proving that it can work in state-run

A confidential policy paper ety to landlords, d those responsible prepared for the TUC's ustionalized industries committee says that the Government revious ministerial intends to make a coordinated the whole concept approach to extensions of industrial democracy in the nationalized industries and the private sector "through the introduct for the time being tion this session of an indus-trial democracy (companies and nationalized industries) Bill based broadly on the recommenis the only one that needs of a diminishpopulation, particudations of the majority report

of the Bullock committee ew of the various which the Govern-The Government is undertaking an inter-departmental in-quiry into methods of extending industrial democracy into the state sector, but the TUC document says: "In particular in-dustries discussions between management and trade union for extending industrial democracy are well advanced". Those industries are believed to be the Post Office Corporation where plans for six trade union members on the board are nearing completion, and British Steel, where plans are being

made for parity representation at divisional board level.

The TUC says that a common Irade unions are pushing thread in all the state sector developments is the belief that the representational rights of should be "at least equal to those in the private sector". "at least equal to The right to be represented at board level should also be an integral part of the new law, whether the unions choose to

exercise it or not. Union leaders in the public sector have been asked to submi: reports on their progress in negotiating worker participa-tion in their industries to a runther meeting of the TUC nanonalized industries commitres. which is likely to be held hin the next month. That will be long before the expiry of the consultative period laid the private sector.

Vir Jack Jones, the transport ominated member of the Bulck committee, has been elected nairman of the nationalized industries committee. He is understood to be looking for quick results in state industry argaining over worker directors to buttress the unions' case for similar reforms in private enter-

The final sentence of the TUC document suggests further in-ternal TUC talks "recognizing the likelihood of legislation giving broadly parallel rights to organized workers in both secrors of the economy".

Public sector organizations listed by the TUC as being affected by the forthcoming. legislation are: the British Steel Corporation, the Post Office Corporation, British Air-ways, British Rail, British Gas.

the Electricity Council, the

Chancellor and Bank of England Governor call on 'big three' to reflate economies

Britain has turned the financial corner, Mr Healey says

By David Blake and Christopher Wilkins

In two carefully-complementary speeches last night the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Governor of the Bank of England claimed that Britain had turned the financial

Mr Healey and Mr Gordon Mr Healey and Mr Gordon Richardson coupled their claim, made at the annual Overseas Bankers' Dinner, with a call to the world's big three—Japan, Germany and the United States—to refine their economies to bring down unemployment.

Countries like Britain, on the other hand had no proceed by

other hand, had no option but to press on with policies of severe restraint and to rely on exports to bring down unem-

ployment eventually.

Much of the Chancellor's speech, in which he called for

leaders whom he sees roday to discuss the next round of pay restraint—and with the members of the National Economic Development Council which meets tomocrow to discuss meets tomorrow to discuss the Government's industrial

strategy. Mr Healey said that fighting unemployment and reducing inflation were the two main targets of the Government's economic policy, and that one could not be achieved without He praised the success of the

first two rounds of pay policy and stressed that unemployment would go up even more sharply than expected if agree-ment on a new policy were not reached.

"determination", was clearly in addition, there had to be aimed at the two important more investment and better use meetings he will be attending of the country's resources to this week—with trade union enable British companies to compete more effectively in

sterling had enabled exporting to become profitable, and atten-tion must now be focused on non-price aspects

Any cut in unemployment must come from exports, he said, backing this up with a vivid description of the difficulties into which the United Kingdom had run during the summer of last year, which he described as "a salurary warning to those who persist in believing that money does not

In the nearest thing yet seen to a statement that last year's policies were wrong, coupled

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Calling on the rich industrial nations to stimulate their economies, he argued that for every exert percentage point of growth in the "big three", would trade was likely to rise would trade was likely to rise by the per cent. Lloss of output was costing the world \$300,000m (about £180,000m) a year.

In his speech Mr Richardson drew attention to the renewed inflows of money to London, saying that this represented a reversal of the leads and lags built up least year and benefits from the ending of sterling's rule in trade.

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In addition, there had to be more investment and better use of the country's resources to enable British companies to compete more effectively in world markets.

The decline of the value of steriling had enabled exporting He stressed the improvement in Britain's payments position which should result from North Sea oil, but gave warning that this must not be frittered away, especially in the light of Britain's \$20,000m of medium term debt which had to be repoald.

He also spoke of the problems facing developing countries, and called for a stepping up of the

lending powers of international agencies such as the International Monetary Fund to help finance deficit countries.

Others at the dinner included Dr Otmar Emminger of the German Federal Bank and Dr Johannes Witteveen of the IMF,

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Cabinet

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From Fred Emery
Washington, Jan 31
President Carter said on
the campaign trail, and apparently meant it, that he would
open his weekly Cabinet meetings to partial press coverage.
Today, he told his Cabinet that
he was considering the possibility of admitting a single news
reporter, who would issue a
"pooled account" for the rest
of the press.

of the press.

The President acknowledged at the start of today's session that there would be obvious

problems, such as national security matters, and the presence of the press might inhibit the making of a frank suggestion that could look silly

But he also hinted that these

might not be real obstacles because they could proceed without specific attribution, and

there would be leaks anyway

from such a large group. Cabinet meetings are attended

by the President, the Vice-President, the secretaries of the

11 Government departments, and numerous members of the

Government has Mr Joshua Nkomo.

The last mass abduction of

The Rhodesian Ministry of

sion to talk to parent of the abducted children.
Salisbury, Jan 31.—Air Pieter van der Byl, the Rhodesian Foreign Affairs Minister, said the raid had complicated Rhodesian relations with the said the s t weeks, there have He noted that Botswana had cation of what action the Rhoral reports of in-recently rejected Rhodesian desian authorities propose to recruiting activity claims that guerrillas were oper-take.—Agence France-Presse.

list of crimes, ranging from murder and pobbery to sabotage and abduction by terrorists passing across the border.", Mr van der Byl said. He called on the Botters Consense. the Botswana Government to authorities in controlling their common 400-mile border.

Instead. Botswana took the issue to the United Nations Security Council, alleging aggression", by Rhodesian

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Attorney General says | Carter plan he won after court's ruling on postal clash By Hugh Noyes the court and whether it could make him disclose his reasons for acting as he had done; and whether Mr Gourier, on behalf

Parliamentary Correspondent

The constitutional controversy between Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, and the Court of Appeal over the threatened boycott by the Union of Post Office Workers of mail to South Africa was thrown into further confusion yesterday.

Mr Silkin, supported by Labour MPs in the Commons, maintained that, contrary to an impression given in all newspapers after the court's judgment last Thursday, on the two main constitutional questions involved the judges had ruled in his favour by two to one, with Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in a minority.

If that claim is correct, and yesterday no one on the Con-servative benches denied it, there will be, as several MPs observed, little or no necessity for an appeal to the House of Lords, because the main issues have been settled in favour of the Attorney General.

Mr Silkin told the Commons that he was still considering, with his advisers, the possibility of an appeal because some matters decided by the Court of Appeal were important but outside the main constitutional matters.

The way for an appeal is now open to the Attorney General, should he wish, after a culing yesterday by the Speaker that the House could not be involved.

Aspen, Colorado, Jan 31.—Claudine Louses the French. in the decision. He said the Attorney General was an independent law officer of the Crown and if he decided to appeal to the Lords his action would be taken in that capacity.

He also ruled that the competence of the House of Lords to consider the case was not for him to decide, If the House wished to debate the status of the Astorney General in the matter, MPs were perfectly free

Earlier, Mr Silkin said he had had time to study the court's judgments and it appeared that some reporters had left the court when Lord Denning finished his judgment and did not stay to hear the judgments of the other two judges, Lords Justice Lawton and Ormrod. Lord Denning was in the min-ority on the main question. The court, he said, had decided in his favour by two to one on the

Mr Norman Atkinson, Labour MP for Haringey, Tottenham, who first raised with the Speaker the question of the appeal to the Lords, said that had reported the verdict of the Appeal Court wrongly by con-centrating on Lord Denning. He suggested that that ruled out the necessity of appealing to the Lords.

The two main issues referred to by Mr Silkin were : whether the Attorney General's discre-

of the National Association for Freedom, could be granted a rinal injunction against the union. On both points Lords Justice Lawton and Ormrod ruled in Mr Sikin's favour. On the question of Mr Gouriet's cights they ruled that only someone with a personal interest in the case at issue

might ask for an injunction.
As MPs questioned the need for an appeal to the Lords, suggesting that Mr Silkin should take the Cabinet's advice, the Attorney General re-minded the House that he was not responsible to the Cabinet on the matter. Later Mr Atkinson was re-

fused an emergency debate on the question of the Attorney General's absolute discretion and his relationship with the Executive in the Commons. He suggested that apart from the present issue there were organizations and groups of and numerous members of the seeking an injunction to prevent MPs from discussing matters such as race relations outside the House.

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Claudine Longet | Burning whisky to serve 30 days lorry blocks motorway in fog

in print

Aspen, Colorado, Jan 31.— Claudine Longet, the French-born singer, was today sentenced to 30 days in fail for An articulated lorry, with 5.000 gallons of whisky ablaze, blocked the Glasgow to Edinburgh motorway near Newthe negligent homicide shooting of her lover, Vladimir Sabich, a house, Strathclyde, last night, skiing champion, and was told that she could serve it an any sine before the end of summer. after being in a multi-vehicle collision in dense fog, five people were taken to hospital. Her former husband, Mr Andy Williams, the singer, was sitting in the courtroom as the district judge told Miss Longer the hoped the sentence would Black ice, freezing fog, heavy rain, sleet and snow made driv-ing conditions hazardous in

purge public hostility towards "It is apparent there is a segment of the public nation-wide which does not know that she did not intend to cause the tragic death of 'Spider' Sabich

many parts. In Westmorland and Cumbria the A66 was blocked in places, and the A6 was blocked at Shap. Yorkshire had freezing fog. and in the Midlands and East Anglia black ice hampered and was never charged with that", he said.—Reuter.

drivers. Glasgow airport closed because of fog. Weather forecast, page 2

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The Queen, whose silver jubilee occurs on Sunday, in the throne room of Buckingham Palace wearing the necklace made for Queen Victoria's golden jubilee.

Amin search fails to find Britons in missing plane From Charles Harrison

Nairobi, Jan 31

A party of Britons was still missing somewhere in Uganda tonight, 36 hours after their aircraft had disappeared on a short flight to a national park.

The situation was confused. Earlier in the day radio signals from the Ugandan pilot of the aircraft, a de Havilland twinengined Otter, were received by an air traffic controller in Nairobi. The message said the aircraft had made a forced landing only 15 miles from its destination, the airstrip in the Kidepo Vallev National Park, and all the passengers and crew were safe.

eel Corporation, the Post fice Corporation, British Airys, British Rail, British Gas, a Electricity Council, the Continued on page 2, col 1

But late tonight Uganda radio quoted President Amin as saying that the aircraft still had not been located. The President led the rescue operation him-

self, with five aircraft and two helicopters searching hundreds of square miles of Uganda from dawn to dusk. But they had found no trace of the missing aircraft, the radio said. President Amin was quoted as saying: "With the blessing of God it will be found."

It appeared that the occupants, who Hungarian-born who include Judith, Countes, of Listowel, 72, were stranded for a second night in wild and uniohabited country.

Uganda radio said earlier reports that there were 18 Brirons on board were not correct. The aircraft contained 16 Britons and two Ugandan officials. The Britons were in Usanda as guests of President Amin for last week's cele-brations marking the sixth anniversary of his military coup.



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BP to spend £2,700m Paris powerhouse Bill to extend on UK projects of the arts censorship British Petroleum is to double its invest-The Pompidou Centre, the world's biggest cultural powerhouse bringing all the arts and techniques of the century

in South Africa The South African President is to be given wide powers to enforce warrime-type censorship in the event of fresh outbreaks of internal unrest under a Bill introduced yesterday and expected regulations could be imposed on both foreign and domestic journalists. Another Bill will extend the scope of

Hostage flies home

A special aircraft flew from France to Libya to bring back Mme Françoise Claustre, the archaeologist released after nearly three years as a hostage of Chad rebels. The release of Mme Claustre and her husband was arranged by Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader

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Behind the shield

Green Shield trading stamps are collected by three quarters of the population, a report by The Economist Intelligence Unit says. Outlets include 10,000 food shops and 9,800 garages accounting for half of all petrol sales. ment in Britain over five years to 52,700m, Mr David Steel, the chairman, announced in Glasgow. He said 75 per cent of new investment would be in Scotland and would include offshore developments. BP also hopes to recover its initial investment in the North Sea of £850m some time next year Page 17

Arab blacklist fear The Metal Box industrial group, based at Reading, is considering pulling out of a 25-year-old investment in Israel because boycott threats have been made by Arab countries to several of its major customers. Page 17

Trunk road delay Resbuffling of the trunk-road programme as a consequence of the recent E40m expenditure cuts is announced by the Department of Transport.

Priority is being given to the Malton

and Ludlow by-pass schemes, among

others, and to London's outer orbital

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tower has a Paris building caused such controversy New Grapo threat-A leaflet sent to foreign correspondents in Madrid threatened that more leading Spanish politicians will be kidnapped

to force the Government to release

political prisoners. It purported to come

from Grapo, the underground organiza-tion claiming responsibility for kidnapping two politicians and killing three Stormont talks: A new round of talks between Ulster local politicians and Mr Mason, the Secretary of State, began at Stormont

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tion was subject to review by Letters: On the Bullock Report, from Sir Archibald Russell and others; Public spending on the arts, from the Chairman of the Arts Council Leading articles: The Rent Acts; Energy crisis in the United States Features, pages 8 and 14
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Attorney General still making up his mind whether to appeal to House of Lords on Judges' ruling

Mr Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, told the House of Commons yesterday that the Court of Appeal had ruled in his favour "on the two major constitutional issues ". He had still not decided whether to appeal to the House of Lords on those other issues on which the court

had ruled against him. The two constitutional issues to which Mr Silkin referred are understood to be the Attorney General's prerogative of absolute discretion whether to grant or refuse his consent a relator action without challenge from the courts; and whether a private citizen with no special interest but submitting that he represents the interests of the general public can proceed with an application for a final (as opposed to interim or temporary) injunction to enforce the law after the Attorney General has refused

his consent to such an action.

Mr Silkin's victory on those two issues seems to have been largely overlooked in press reports on the court's judgment. predominance was given instead to Lord Denning's dissenting views and to Mr Silkin's "defeat" on whether a private citizen, claiming to represent the public interest, can seek a declaration of law from the declaration of law from the courts without the Attorney General's consent, and, where the courts found there was a breach of law, whether he could be given an interim injunction.

Mr Silkin had argued that his discretion whether to grant or refuse his consent in relator. or refuse his consent in relator actions was absolute, Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, said in his judgment in the Court of Appeal last Thursday.

auswerable to Parliament and to Parliament alone. If the Attorney General's contention was correct, it would mean that he was the final arbiter on whether the law should be enforced or not. Lord Denning said. If he did not act himself, or refused to consent to his name being used, the law would not be enforced. If one Attorney General after If the court had jurisdiction another did that, and each in to grant the declaratory judg-turn declined to take action ment he could see no difficulty

The Attorney General had said

furthermore that when he

refused his consent, his refusal

was final. It could not be over-ridden by the courts. He was

If he took into account matters cumstances that he ought not to take into account, or failed to take into account those that he should, his decision could be overridden by the courts. Not directly, but indirectly. The Attorney General had no prerogative to suspend or dispense the laws of England.

The great constitutional issue was whether, notwithstanding the refusal of consent by the Attorney General to bring relator proceedings, the plaintiff was enritled to proceed in his action for an injunction. Lord Denning's answer was that he was entitled so to proceed.

Lord Justice Lawton disagreed. He accepted that the courts had no jurisdiction over the Attorney General's discretion as to when, and when not, he should seek to enforce a law he should seek to enforce a law having public consequences. The courts could not make him act if he did not wish to do so; nor could they, as of right, call on him to explain why he had not acted.

The court could not give the plaintiff (in the present case Mr Gouriet) leave to bring a relator action; it had no jurisdiction to do so. What it could do was to use, apply and, if necessary, adapt existing procedures. One procedure that might be available was the declaratory judament of the Courts of Chancery and Exchequer. Mr Silkin had submitted that

no one could obtain a declaratory judgment as to the crimi-nal law without his interven-tion. Lord Justice Lawton of no such limitation. Mr Gouriet had asked the court to restrain a breach of the criminal law that would take away his own right to use Post Office facilities. It seemed probable that, save by a declaratory judgment and, if the law allowed, an injunction to protect what Parliament intended the criminal law to pro-tect. Mr Gouriet would be left without the law's protection.
That surely could not be.

against those who broke the about granting an interim law, the law became a dead injunction if it was just and convenient to do so. He made General could be reviewed by whether a final injunction the courts, Lord Denning added, should be granted in any circle to the so. He made no explicit comment on the courts, Lord Denning added, should be granted in any circle.

Lord Justice Lawton, accepted the Attorney General's submissions that he had to take the public interest into account in discharging his duties, that he had access to sources of infor-mation that were not and could not be available to the courts. and that he might be in a better position to weigh the factors affecting public interest

But he could not accept that the Attorney General alone was the sole arbiter of what was in the public interest in relation to law enforcement through the civil courts. He envisaged that it would be only in the rare case that the plaintiff would be allowed to proceed, and he sug-gested that a prerequisite for such an action should be that the consent of the Attorney General to a relator action had first been sought but refused. Lord Justice Ormrod agreed with Lord Justice Lawton and stated his view "unequivocally" that the Attorney General's discretion was not subject to review by the court, that he was not answerable to the court in that respect, and that, like everyone else, he could not be compelled against his wish to act as plaintiff (by joining his name to that of a private citizen in a relator action).

He also agreed that Mr
Gouriet had the right to apply
for a declaration of the law.

Notwithstanding the Attorney General's refusal to grant his consent to a relator action, he was entitled, in Lord Justice Ormrod's view, to ask the court to consider whether or not he could establish sufficient standing before the courts to pro-"For that reason, an interim injunction was granted on the

first hearing to preserve the position while the question was argued. he said. But he did not consider that there was any not consider that there was any jurisdiction to grant injunctions of a final or permanent nature unless the plaintiff "could bring himself within the limits set by the former courts of equity". That Mr. Gouriet could not do because he could not show any special interest or energy damage. interest or special damage.

by unions as main forum on liaison

By Michael Hatfield Trade union leaners yesterday gave the cold shoulder to the Labour Party's representatives on the tripartite liaison committee involving the Gov-ernment, the TUC and the party's national executive com-

mittee.
They made clear that they saw the National Economic Development Council as the main forum between the Gov-ernment and the unions to dis-

policy makers had honed to have a joint working party on alternative economic strategies in an international context, but union leaders would have none of it.
They had made their views clear by objecting to the presentation of a document, prepared by Labour Party research staff, for discussion by

the liaison committee. Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, said during the meeting that he thought the Labour Party should be prepared to give credit where credit was due to the Government, and that at times it was too critical.

Lord Alien of Fallowfield said the unions did not think it necessary to have a working party and there was little re-taliation from the national

executive representatives. Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, who first proposed the idea of a working party the previous month, was said not to have kept his counsel during

When it was suggested that the liaison committee should have a discussion on the TUC's draft economic review, to be published shortly, Mr George Smith, general secretary of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians, said that he hoped that that would not be before the general council had approved the draft later

There was little criticism voiced by the unionists at the high level of unemployment, although Mr Scanion, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, asked about the prospects of jobs when it was evident that the Government was not going to meet the targets of an 8 per cent increase in manufacturing output and 5 per cent over all. Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said the targets could be met by higher producunemployment. problems had to be seen in in-

NEDC seen Third of Scots 'oppose devolution' Drug ring

From Ronald Faux

From Ronald Faux for thuse of us in lavour of lative plantom, trowing accepts devolution, and that is the ance of the arguments against Scotish opinion is changing majority of MPs. to convince devolution, weariness with the on the question of devolution, the people of Scotland that whole issue and the stronger according to the latest opinion devolution is an excellent move anti-devolution line, taken by poll, the first sice the govern along the road to democracy. The Conservative Party in Scotland are therefore the conservative Party in Scotland. according to the letest opinion poll, the first sice the government commitment to a referen-dum later this year. The poll, carried out by System Three and published in the Glasgoin Herald yesterday, showed that a third of those interviewed do not want devolution and would prefer the present system to continue. A poll taken lest October suggested that only 9 per cent were against a Scottish

assembly. The latest poli showed that 38 per cent want a Scottish assembly as proposed by the Government, 18 per cent an independent Scotland and 32 per cent no devolution at all. Twelve per cent did not state preference. Mr Ewing Under Secretary

of State as the Scottish Office responsible for devolution, said in Glasgow yesterday that the pull indicated that people under-stood the issues of devolution more fully, "I am certain a fair number of people in Scotland have doubts about whether we ought to have devolution or remain as we are. It is a matter

for those of us in favour of lative platform. Growing acceptdevolution is an excellent move anti-devolution line taken by along the road to democracy." the Conservative Party in Scot-He pointed out that only a small land, are thought to have percentage were in favour of contributed most to the change separation. Mr Ewing said he of mood.

rejected the argument that the devolution Bill ought to be with drawn and Scotland confronted with the issues of separation.

Mr Edward Taylor, the opposition spokesman on Scotland, commented that the pull showed with the issues of separation. or unity. He remained confident that the opposition threatened on a guilloune motion would

me cause the Bill's rejection. The swing against devolution: the Government's country although based on a small bureaucratic and divisive for conspiring to smuggle the sample, would be embarrassing assembly plans. He would not for the Government if it, was be surprised if the Government in it was in the expectation that a referendum, he said.

a big majority would be won. Those questioned were asked as the mainspring of the organization. The swing against devolution? It was in the expectation much a big majority would be won. Those questioned were asked for the devolution plan that the which of the following choices referendum was affered. A large they would make in a reference dum. The results expressed as vote against it would threaten dum. The results e the Government's main legis percentages were:

wholeheartedly opposed to the break-up of Britain. Just as encouraging for Conservatives
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a strong ombudsman for Scots

From Our Correspondent Edinburgh
The Scottish Liberal Party wants to get rid of the eight "toothless watchdog" parlia-mentary commissioners (ombudsmen) and have a single Scottish assembly commissioner who will have power to initiate investigations and to prosecute

or discipline any official guilty of maladministration. The party stated in Edinburgh yesterday that an amendment to the section of the Scotland-Wales Bill dealing with the ombudsmen would be tabled in Parliament.
Mr Ronald Guild, a member

of the party's national executive, said the Scottish assembly commissioner would assume the duties, functions and powers of the present parliamentary com-missioners. He would also be able to investigate complaints against the police nationalized industries.

Mr Guild described the present commissioners as "toothcommissioner who would be able to initiate his own investigations (at present only an tivity, but that would not re- aggrieved party can complain lieve unemployment. The to the ombudsman) and a commissioner who would be able ternational terms and it was hoped that there would be a cipline any person guilty of worldwide economic recovery maladministration.

Liberals seek Liberal amendment would reallocate Commons seats

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Now that the Government is definitely willing to concede a reallocation of seats for the component parts of the United Kingdom in the Westminster. Parliament, as part of the bar-gain to get the devolution Bill through, the Liberal Party is insisting that the general rules for the changes should be defined in the Bill and that they should not wait on the recommendations of a Speaker's conference.

Scotland and Wales would come off slightly better than was pro-posed in the Kilbrandon report. Northern Ireland would have 16 seats at Westminster compared with the present 12; Wales's representation would be reduced from the present 36 to 3Z or 33 seats; the 71 Scot-tish seats would be cut by 12 or 13; and England would have its seats increased from 516 to 521, which may disappoint many English MPs:

The extra allowance for areas with special geographical features would probably put Scotland's total up to 64.

Under the new Liberal proposals, the House of Commons (Distribution of Sears) Act, vide for the electoral quota to provisions become effective it be established by a straight would be disastrous for this electorate by 625. The area and for the remaindent of the control of the United Kingdom area and for the remaindent of the control of the co electorate by 625. That would end the disparity between Northern Ireland and the rest normern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom. Ulster's representation was deliberately representation was given its own assembly in 1921, and is now grossly underrepresented.

at Westminster can be enacted under the devolution Bill, or whether it can be decided only

that an all-party consensus is Court yesterday.

necessary. But as a brake an Hone Rogers, aged 23, a New the setting up of the proposed Zealander, of Park Avenue, Scottish and Welsh assemblies Willesden Green, pleaded be proposes that they should guilty to being concerned in

agreed on a reallocation of the

Which ever course is adopted the cifect on Labour's electoral prospects at Westminster would be serious.

For the sake of giving way to the demands of the Scottish and Welsh nationalists, Labour may weish nationalists, Labour may be giving up its chances of having a majority in the Parlia-ment in London which will still take the crucial decisions on the economy, taxation, indus-trial policy, taxation, labour re-lations, foreign affairs and de-

If the Conservative amendment succeeds there might be a long delay before the Scottish and Weish assemblies could begin to function. Agreement on a reallocation of seats might take a long time, and the Conservative amendment requires that the House shall have approved the changes before the two new assemblies begin to function.

Last night two thousand mem-bers of Dundee and Tayside Chamber of Commerce and Industry sent to Scottish MPs a declaration that the devolution Bill was viewed by them as a barrier and an irrelevance
"This chamber is utterly opposed to the Scotland and Wales Bill", the message stated.
"We believe that should its

Scotland also".
Conservative opponents of

grossly underrepresented. In the Commens today the Jail for smuggler main argument will be over the question whether representation of cannabis. of cannabis

A three-piece suite which on at all-party basis through a Kenya on August 8 contained Speakers' conference.

Mr Francis Pym, who leads for the Opposition, maintains was stated at Middlesex Crown

become effective only after the importing the drug, and was Westmiaster. Parliament has jailed for 18 months.

smashed: and leaders jailed

An international drug ring was smashed when Moroccan investigators discovered 33 kilograms of cannabis hidden in the false roof of a British car, it was stated at Warwick Crown Court yesterday.

The three men said to be be-

The man described as the mainspring of the organization. mainspring of the organization, Kevin McDermott, aged 27, of Queen Mary's Road, Coventry, was jailed for four years. Richard Hughes, aged 32, his chief assistant, of Hoghton Road, Sutton, St Helen's, Merseyside, for two and a half years, and Alfred Draper, aged 25, of Kilburn Close, Leigh, Greater Manchester, for two years. They all pleaded guilty. Geoffrey Mather, aged 30, of Larch Avenue, Penketh, Lancashire, received a suspen-Larch Avenue, Penketh, Lancashire, received a suspen-ded 12-month sentence and was fined 5500 for dealing in smuggled cannabis.

London raids: The crime squad at Winchmore Hill, London, believe they may have smashed a big drug ring during the weekend, after one of the big-gest series of raids by armed police in north London.

They are now in possession of several tipusand pounds worth of amphetamine sulphate, cocaine and cannabis and fire-

arms. -The police said nine people would appear at Tottenham Magistrates' Court today. Five years for woman: For her part in the illegal importation

of 2,646 grams of cocaine, said by Mr Alan Suckling, for the prosecution, to be worth about £158,760 at street level, Mrs Francis Katherine Menocal, aged 50, was sentenced at Middlesex Crown Court yesterday to five morisonment.

Mrs Menocal, resident in Ibiza, Spain, and wife of a retired United States admiral. pleaded guilty. Mr Suckling said the drug was found at Heathrow airport in the false bottom of a suitcase brought from Colombia by another woman.

Equal rights for part-timers By Our Labour Staff

Part-time workers employ^{LS} for 16 hours or more each we qualify from today for its same rights as full tions employees.

They are entitled to a mini-nun period of notice, redundancy payments and pro-tection against dismissal under the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act.

They qualify also for time off to look for work if made redundant payment if susand guarantted payments they are laid off or on short

Women qualify for the Employment Protection Act's maternity provisions against dismissal and for the right to return to work after child-birth. From April 6 employers will have to pay for their

for an all-Mozart programme at the Festival Hall tonight. Unions pressing for state sector lead on Bullock

Continued from page 1

National Coal Board, the Central Electricity Generating Board, the National Bus Company, the the National Bus Company, the National Freight Corporation, the Atomic Energy Authority. Cable and Wireless, the Civil Aviation Authority, the North of Scotland Hydro-electric Board, the South of Scotland Electricity Board, the British Airports Authority, the British Airports Authority, the British Transport Dock Board, the Scottish Transport Group, area electricity boards, the British Waterways Board, the Aerospace Corporation and the Shipspace Corporation and the Ship-building Corporation.

The state sector trade unions have also made clear their opposition to proposals by the National Economic Development Office for a reform of the political control over the nationalized A survey by the office found

a long-term deterioration in the relationships between ministers and state sector managements. It suggested that there should be a policy council for each state enterprise composed of

Crash PC given

wrong location

Police Constable George

Spencer, aged 24, of Harwich,

Lancashire, died in a crash on

was trying to save others from

Nine feared dead in tanker blast

Unions in the mining industry have rejected the NEDO for-

mula, and other nationalized industry unions are expected to

Sir George Solti, the conductor, after a year's absence from the London concert platform, rehearsing the London Philharmonic Orchestra

civil servants, managers and trade unions. This would set out

corporate strategy and ensure that it was implemented.

The TUC admits that the

study discussed issues critical to industrial strategy and recov-

ery and brought out "useful" criticisms. "Whether the report

succeeds in presenting a consis-tent structure which would remove these criticisms is another matter", a policy paper

The unions would want much more discussion of the scope

for broad supervision of nationalized industries. The

Government should not push ahead too fast with the White

which was originally

Nine crew are feared dead after an explosion on board the Liberian registered tanker Exotic off the Moroccan coast, a fogbound motorway when he Lloyd's said in London yesterday. Three crew were killed danger, it was stated at an inquest ar Chorley, Lancashire, by a Spanish ship.

yesterday. He had been mistakenly told The 70,337-ton bulk-ore carrier was 60 miles off the that the lorry he collided with was standing in the fast lane Moroccan port of Essaouira bound for Brazil when the of the opposite carriageway. A verdict of accidental death was explosion occurred on Sunday night.—Reuter.

Security guards seek equal pay with women

Men working as security guards at the British Aircraft Corporation's guided weapons division at Stevenage, Hertfordshire, alleged yesterday that the corporation was in breach of the Sex Discrimination Act. Mr Samuel McKee, of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Com-Executive, Clerical and Con-puter Staffs (Apex), represent-ing the 34 men, told an indust-rial tribunal in London that security men and women at the plant carried out the same

Bur whereas the men were required to work a basic 40-hour week, women had to work only 371 hours before beginning overtime. The basic hourly rate for women was £1.06, and for men £1.02. This means that the TUC sees its proposals for industrial democracy in the state sector as a more promising line of managerial reform than that suggested in the NEDO report. Mr Bruce Reynolds, counsel for the corporation, said the men were guaranteed more working hours and therefore more pay than the women. The men are in practice guaranteed a total of 16 hours a week at the very least on overtime rates. At the end of any week they end up with more money, albeit because they work longer hours", he said. Judgment was reserved.

Former council chief bound over

Paul Purvis, aged 33, former Chief Executive of North Devon District Council, was bound over at Exeter Crown Court yesterday, after being convicted of assaulting a neigh-bour and causing bodily harm, to be of good behaviour for a

year.
Mr Purvis, who was dismissed from his 59,000-a-year post on December 31, pleaded

A secret film, which, the pro- McShane says: "If I was con-ecution said showed a victed I would not get the laughter trying to persuade her money, Mum." Her mother elderly mother to commit says she will not be convicted, suicide was shown to a jury at Lewes Crown Court, Sussex, and Mrs McShane replies: "No, I do not think it would, The film also shows this

Mrs McShane:

left you the means, and a week

In it, the daughter tells the mother: "If you had a dog in exchange: Mrs McShane: "Do this state, you would take it to the vet, wouldn't you?" When the mother asks what Daddy not make a mess of it this time." Her mother: "No but do not expect me to straight away." Mrs McShane: "Do would think, the daughter replies: "I think he would not let it fall through. If you made up your mind, get on with it, OK?" agree . . . somebody was good enough to do it for him, weren't it, OK?"

Her mother: "Yes but is it cowardly to do it?"

Mrs McShane: "No, it's cowardly not to do it because you can only get worse. You will never get any better."

Mrs McShane says: "If I let worse.

Secret film shows suicide

plan, prosecution says

they? The prosecution says that Mrs Yolande McShane, aged 60, wanted her mother to die so that she could inherit her

yesterday.

Mrs McShane, of Lanlivery Manor, Lanlivery, Cornwall, denies attempting to aid, aber, counsel or procure the suicide of her mother, Mrs Edith Mott, aged 86. She also denies agen oo. She also nother to take a drug so as to endanger her life.

The three-hour film was said

by the Crown to have been taken by police officers on Mother's Day last year when, Mrs McShane left her mother

In the film the two discuss euthanasia and what would happen to the money. Mrs

or two from now you took the means, that is nothing to do with me, is it?" She adds later: "There is no way they could prove it was me, Mummy. I could not be accused. Who is going to prove it if I deny it? Nobody."

The prosecution says the film shows Mrs McShane pinning a packet containing tablets inside her mother's nightgown. It ends with Mrs McShane leaving her mother's room and the old women being searched by two nuns on the nursing home. The hearing continues today.

Sharp fall in proportion of rented accommodation

Continued from page 1 document is therefore designed

to elicit criticism and sugges-tions from those directly affected. The document observes that

in 1914 nine families out of ren rented their homes from private landlords. Since then the num-ber of privately rented houses has fallen by more than half, and today they contain only about one sixth of all house-holds. After 1945 the number

private tenants decreased by about 150,000 a year until 1971, when the rate slackened to about 100,000 a year. But what is far more difficult to establish is the extent to which recent restrictions have once more accelerated the decline. Departmental surveys have shown that there was a sharp drop in the availability of rented accommodation imme arely after the Rent Act, 1974 came into force, but that advertisements are now running at about three quarters of the pre-

1974 volume. Since the last census figures, since the last census figures, in 1971, it has been estimated that the proportion of private transcies has fallen from 22 per cent to about 17 per cent, equivalent to about 800,000 households. But those figures are only guesswork and are disputed by

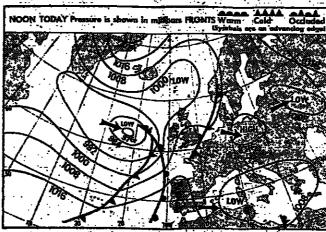
organizations like Shelter, which suggested recently that the annual rate of decline may be only about 80,000. Even they, however, concede that the Rent Acts have created a sense of injustice and contributed to homelessness The second part of the con-

questions to which it invites replies. They concern such matters as the need to clarify the legal situation; loopholes in the Acts which permit harass-ment or unlawful eviction or allow landlords to evade rent restrictions; difficulties experi-enced by landlords in obtaining possession; responsibility for repairs and the adequacy of grants; and, perhaps most important, the relationship of rents to the cost of providing the accommodation. The last is likely to prove the greatest stumbling block, since

is acknowledged that many landlords do not find it worth-while to let their property. On the other hand, all the evidence indicates that the Government is committed to maintaining subsidies to owneroccupiers and council tenants to curb the cost of living. It is hardly likely that it would agree to private rents being

allowed to find their "econo-mic" level. Leading article, page 15

Weather forecast and recordings



mind SW light, becoming S strong; max temp 4 to 6°C (39 to 43°F) NW England, Lake District, Isle-Today Sun rises: of Man, N Ireland: Scattered whitey showers, more general sleet or snow in evening; wind SW light, becoming SE strong; max temp 4°C (39°F). 4.50 pm Moon sets : Moon rises : 5.25 am 2.28 pm max temp 4°C (39°F).

B. Central, N. NE Rugland, Borders: Fog patches early, mainly dry, sunny spells; wind SW light, betoming 6°S, moderate; temp max temp 3°C (30°F).

Edinfurgh, Dondes, Glasgow: Fog patches, sunny intervals; wind light-and variable; cold, max temp 3°C (36°F).

Aberdeen, SW: NP, NW Scotland, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Oricney, Shetland: Scatneyed Seet or snow showers; sunny intervals; wind SW to, S. fight or moderate; max temp 3 or 4°C (37 to 39°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Full Moon: February 4 Lighting up: 5.20 pm to 7.8 am High water : London Bridge, 12.10 pm, 6.0m (19.6tt). Avonmouth, 4.54 am, 10.8m (35.4ft); 5.30 pm; 11.3m (36.9ft). Dover, 9.22 am, 5.7m (18.5ft); 9.51 pm, 5.9m (19.3ft). Hull, 4.12 am, 6.1m

(19.9ft); 4.30 pm, 6.4m (20.9ft). Liverpool, 9.27 am, 8.0m (26.2ft); 9.48 pm, 8.1m (26.6ft). A trough of low pressure will move S across SE England; later

move S across SE England; later of 4°C (37 to 39°F).

a further trough is expected to approach W districts.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE and Central S Eng.

land, East Anglia, E Midlands:

Occasional sleet or snow, dry moderate, becoming S, strong; sea slight, becoming rough.

Channel Islands: Occasional rain or sleet; wind SW light, becoming fresh; max temp 4°C (39°F).

Channel Islands: Occasional rain or sleet; wind SW light, becoming fresh; max temp 5°C (30°F).

W. Midlands, SW England, Wind SW, moderate, becoming S, strong; sea slight, becoming wales: Fog patches early, mainly S, gale; sea slight, becoming wales: Fog patches early, mainly symple. WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY; c, cloud; f, tar; r,

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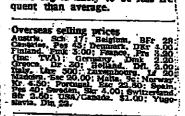
London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 6°C (43°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 2°C (36°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 66 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 7.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,013.7 millibars, failing.
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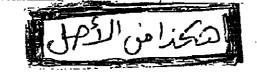
February forecast

The Meteorological Office yesterday issued the following forecast for February:
The month is likely to start with a rather cold and unsettied spell. Although marked variations in weather type are expected later, with some relatively mild cyclonic spells, rather cold weather is likely to predominate over the month as a whole. to predominate over the month as whole.

In SW England and S Wales

mean temp is expected to be near average, with rainfall above aver-age. In all other areas mean temp is likely to be below average, with is likely to be below average, with near-average rainfall. It is likely to be colder in the first half of the mouth than in the second half. Show is likely to occur with higher than average frequency. The incidence of frost and of gales to average the about average. is expected to be about average while fog is likely to be less free





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In brief

£60,000 for road

Roger French, aged 29, of Kings Avenue, Woodford Green, east London, who is paralysed in all his limbs as a result of a

road crash, was awarded agreed damages of f60,000 in the High Court yesterday against the London Borough of Barnet and the Lea Valley Water Com-

The hearing will begin today of a dispute between Barnet Council and the water authority as to which of them is liable

Warrant Officer Terence Reddin, aged 38, father of Heidi Reddin, aged 14, of Downham Market, Norfolk, who was found strangled and sexually assaulted, said yesterday that he thought she probably knew her killer.

Detectives appealed to women or young girls who have been approached by motorists to come forward. They believe that the girl's death is not

that the girl's death is not linked with other cases in

Attempt to keep

The Montgomery Canal

Society is restoring seven miles of the canal near Welshpool in

conjunction with a Prince of

Wales Committee scheme which

offers boat trips for physically handicapped children. But the scheme is threatened by plans

to demolish a canal bridge at Arddleen and build a by pass.

canal open

Norfolk.

Girl 'probably

knew killer'

to pay the £60,000.

crash victim

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Dm cuts will mean way for some big nk-road projects

r Correspondent ncient market towns, Salop and Malton th Yorkshire, get n the latest reshuffling unk-road programme d by the Department port yesterday. Both s summer, after the moratorium 2Das part of the Govern-

ton, on the York to igh road, lack of a fly-pass is seriously g local industry as lemaging the environthe town; and the entre of Ludlow and bouring villages are rear pressure from ries, the report says. 's outer orbital road

test round of economy

ing pressed ahead, sections (Enfield, Sevenoaks interand Runnymede due to start this routes, including the M11 Cam-bridge to London motorway, will be delayed as a result both of the moratorium and the £40m cuts on the 1977-79 pro-

f40m cuts on the 1977-79 programme announced at the same time.

Summer, 1977: M25, Sevenoaks interchange; M25, Runnymede Bridge; M11, A120—Stump Cross; M11, Cambridge Western by-pass; M26, Dunion Green—Weomam; A34, Sandleford link; A49, Ludiow by-pass; A64, Malton by-pass; M20, West Kings-down—Wrotham; M20, Sellindge—Folkestone; M20, Ashford—Sellindge; M42, Tamworth (Water Orton) section; M54, Telford to M6; M56, Hapsford—Stoak and Stoak interchange; M58, Aintree—Skelmersdale; A1, Redbouse junction; A3, Burpham—Ladymead diversion; A5, Milton Keynes diversion; A7, Leadenham by-pass; A27, Lewes South Street; A27, Faimer diversion; A52, Borrowash by-pass extension.

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misey Clark, United normey General from 167, is to give evidence hilip Agee when the ikes further represenis week against plans

him. rk will appear before Office advisory com-n Thursday. He has reputation in the rates as a radical. He er in the government

nmittee will hear five for Mr Agee, a
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ze winner; Mr Morrn, a former aide to
zer; Mr Melvin Wulf,
stor of the Agerican ctor of the American perties Union, and are Bunster, Chilean or to Britain under

s, the Home Secre given an assurance Agee is deported he

Krieghoff paintings 'genuine'

By Robert Parker Mr Tom Kearing, the man who stated in *The Times* last summer that he had imitated the work of many well known arrists, has confirmed that two important collections in Canada do not contain any of his pastiches.

He was able to do so during a three-week visit to Canada where he met Miss Jane Kelly, his former friend, who helped him as a picture restorer in Norfolk. Together they visited galleries in Toronto They found no imitations in the Art Gallery of Oncario, which connaios eight works by Cornelius Krieghoff, perhaps Canada's

most important artist.

Mr Keating also saw the Krieghoff collection of Lord Thomson of Fleet, and said that none of his many imma-tions in the style of the artist was in that collection. He said it was a marvellous experience to see such a fine collection. When Mr Keating arrived back at Heathrow on Sunday



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, inspecting a coal-cutting machine during a visit to the coalface at Betteshanger colliery, Kent, yesterday (Diary, page 14).

Double number of women jailed for drunkenness

Social Service

Correspondent The number of women imprisoned for drunkenness has more that doubled since a drunkenness government report recommended treatment rather than imprisonment for offenders six years agd. But economic sentences, particular constraints and the pressures the Home Office of a high prison population are clear that there is preventing special teams from being set up to handle drink troubles in prison, and treatment facilities outside remain irrelevant and well below the known need.

Figures released in prison scales and reads. Figures released in written replies by the Home Office show that the numbers imprisoned for simple drunken-

ness have hardly changed since 1971, when a departmental an other than the ates, where he might for writing a book ctivities.

Ty Grant, Mr Agee's aid the assurance had a to Mrs Judith Hart.

Take is deported he had back at Hearn's on Sunday in the Mrs mer by Der Inspector recommended a wide range of treatment facilities to prevent such imprisonment.

In 1971, 542 people were jailed, including 15 women. In on to the art market as genuine works. He went to Scotland Yard.

both men and women were 29 days in 1975, compared with 28 for men and 27 for women in 1971.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk, who tabled the questions, yesterday questioned the value of such sentences, particularly when the Home Office had made clear that there is no likelihood of forming special treatment

" Of what possible use, except irrelevant and unnecessary punishment for people who really need treatment, is a sentence of one month, he asked.
"The inaction of the Home Office is deplorable given the number of people in prison for drink offences. Only one detoxification cen-

tre has been approved so far under the Criminal Justice Act, 1972, which provided for treat side prisons for the estate of the late Lord the Chancellor of the Ex-fenders. Up to the Rosebery.

The estate of the late Lord the Chancellor of the Ex-chequer. It was intended to be the centre handled Mr Cormack, vice-chairman of used to preserve historic build-under the Act, the Heritage in Danger society, ings and outstanding landscapes. ment outside prisons drunken offenders. Up to the end of 1976 the centre handled 462 cases

Illness link with aircraft noise. doctors say

People living near Heathrow airport suffer from illnesses linked with aircraft noise, according to a survey by 112 doctors with practices within seven miles of the airport.

Mr Anthony Rentoul of the Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise, said their next step would be to carry out a more detailed sur-

Mr Patrick Cormack, MP for

Staffordshire South-west, has

suggested to the Prime Minister

that the Land Fund should be

used to buy Mentmore Towers,

Buckinghamshire, which has been refused by the Govern-ment in lieu of death duties on

By a Staff Reporter

on basic priorities'

Left and right 'agree

By Penny Symon

In any serious discussion of nolitics, the use of the terms left" and "right" should be avoided, because at the level of the ordinary voter the differeace between the values and priorities of either side is so small as to make the labels meaningless.

That is the conclusion of a survey carried out by the Social Science Research Council's survey unit, published in the current issue of the magazine, Encounter.

The survey was carried out in 1974. A total of 1,933 adults were interviewed, of whom 82 per cent placed themselves in the "left" or "right" boxes. The rest said that they took no interest in politics, or did not support any political party. It seems from the survey as

ideological concepts, but alternative names for political par-ties. In that, they differ markedly from the West Ger-mans, who in a similar survey, identified themselves as "left" identified themselves as "left" or "right", but based their choices on general values.

Between the sexes, differences in self-placements were negligitle. Differences based on social class were a little more marked, but only members of the unskilled working class

should concentrate upon, and asked to indicate which one they thought most important, a majority on both "left," and "right" chose the same one the maintenance of a stable

The fight against crime came high on both lists. Neither group attached great importance either to environmental aesthetics or to closer social relationships.

Both groups attached great importance to good medical care, adequate housing, full employment and keeping neigh-bourhoods free of crime. The

said yesterday: "Here are a

house and collections of supreme if not unique national

importance. Surely it was for

just such a situation that the Land Fund was devised."

£50m from the sale of stores

after the last war by Dr Dalton,

the Chancellor of the Ex-

The fund was formed with

Land Fund seen as Mentmore solution

"left " attached more importance to equal rights for women and immigrants, but those issues were considered less im-portant then fighting crime and preventing pollution.

Asked whether they thought that over-privileged groups existed in British society, 83 per cent of the "left" said yes, as did 73. per cent of the "right". The main dislikes of the "left" were business executives, politicians, the idle rich and speculators. People on the "right" were more inclined to seize on "greedy workers" and "welfare spongers". However, the "left" also included those two groups on its list of the

over-privileged. Respondents about their sympathy for various groups. The police were at the top of both lists, with scores of 84 points from If for the British, the terms the "left" and 88 from the left" and "right" are not "right" on a 0-100 "sympathy the "left" and 88 from the scale", as shown in the

accompanying table.

Dr Mark Abrams, the survey unit's director, said that there was almost complete agreement by both sides about their sympathy towards the police, small businessmen, civil servants, immigrants and the Liberal Party.

"On the face of it, then, it looks as if the hopes of the revolutionaries and the fears of members of the House of Shown a list of eight "aims substance", Dr Abrams said, and objectives which people say "It would seem that the should concentrate upon" and widely should concentrate upon " the should be should b with any present levels attempted 'confrontation'."

Mr Cormack suggests in a

letter to Mr Callaghan that as

a contribution to the silver

jubilee, the Government should

endow Mentmore as a centre

for European cultural studies in

He has tabled questions to the Chancellor for answer on Thurs-

day asking whether Mr Healey is satisfied that the Land Fund is being used for its intended

purposes and whether it could be used to buy Mentmore.

view of its European links.

Heart victim better

Mr Geoffrey Diston, aged 63, of The Hyde, Hendon, whose heart stopped for almost 15 minutes at Heathrow on Sunday, was improving in hospital

Candidate steps down

Mr William Crossley has resigned as prospective parlia-mentary Labour candidate for Burton on Trent, after a meet-ing with the local party execu-tive to discuss his matrimonial

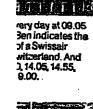
Man dies in fire

Mr Peter Bell, aged 26, died a fire at his home in Salford Gardens, St Ann's, Nottingham, yesterday. Six members of his family were taken to hospital.

Lord Lowther had drug Lord Lowther, aged 27, the eldest son of Lord Lonsdale, was fined £100 by Newcastle upon Tyne magistrates today for having cannabis resin.



As you will have guessed, this is an advertisement of the Swiss national airline.





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14.20 hours the clock at the Town Hall incicates the departure (: a Swissa plane for Switzerland, And



Frankfurt. Every day at 10,15 hours, the Little Clock Tower indicates the departure of a Switzerland And also at 16.25, 20 50, and 21.00.



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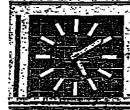
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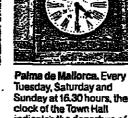
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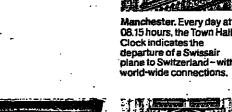
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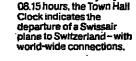


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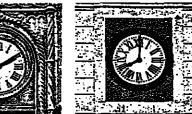
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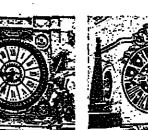




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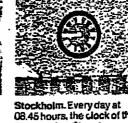


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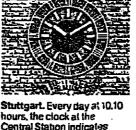


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Attorney considering an appeal although court ruled in his favour on constitutional issues

Mr Samuel Silkin, the Attorney General, stated that now having fully studied the judgment of the Court of Appeal on the application of Mr John Gouriet to bring relafor proceedings for an injunction against the Union of Post Office workers, on the major constitu-tional questions involved the court decided in his favour by two to one, with Lord Denning in the dissenting minority.

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It certainly appeared (Mr Silkin said) that some members of the press made their exit from the court when Lord Denning finished his judgment and they did not stay to hear the rest of the judgment, as a result of which Lord Denning was in the minority on the man. was in the minority on the main

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, Cl asked: Is it true that it was the Attorney Gen-

I am not the only person who Air Tebbit-I did not ask you

if you were the only one. Mr Silkin—Having studied the judgment, which I had not been able to do on Thursday, I can say that on the two major constitu-tional questions involved the Court of Appeal decided in my favour by two to one, with Lord Denning the dissenting minority. Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab)—Does Mr Silkin recollect the debate on Thursday and does he remember every news-paper in the country got it totally wrong by concentrating on Den-

ning?
Will he not now tell the House
the major issues clearly that on the major issues facing him when he first considered the application, the two appeal judges came down firmly in his favour and therefore ruled out

true that it was the Attorney General who advised the Government on the implementation of the law in the Tameside case, and got it wrong; that it was he who advised them in the Laker case, and got it wrong; and on the procedures on hybridity in the aerospace atlair and got it wrong?

And is he not aware that the fact that Mr Gouriet's recent action prevented a breach of the law in the Post Office affair suggests that he was wrong in that case as well? Why does he insist on keeping in giving this bad advice?

Mr Silkin (Southwark, Dulwich, Lab)—The answer to the first

question, which embraces different were decided by the Court of subjects if taken as a whole is— Appeal of importance, but outside Appeal of importance, but outside the major constitutional matters upon which I attended before the Court of Appeal, and I hope to give this the fullest possible consideration and make up my mind. Mr Timothy Renton (Mid Sussex, C)-Will be confirm that in the recent Post Office affair his deci-sion was not influenced by the fact that the defendant was a powerful

Mr Silkin-Of course I confirm that. I gave my reasons in full on Thursday.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—Why is it that in 1971 the previous Government took no action whatever, and would he accept that many of us are getting fed up with judges trying to decide the law of this land instead of the Neuron of Conservation. House of Commons? (Conserva-tive profests and Labour cheers.) Mr Silkin-He is referring no Mr Shorn—he is reterring no doubt to the postal workers' strike for three weeks and rightly or wrongly, at least one member of the Court of Appeal made a distinction between a complete strike and doing and carrying on work but discriminating against some particular berson.

of course, if that is correct—a correct distinction—it is an encouragement for people to go on full strike rather than discriminate. It is not for me to comment on the judgment of judges, and I

Mr Silkin: 'I am my own adviser'

pendent law officer of the Crown and if he decided to appeal to the House of Lords on the Post Office workers' case the House of Commons would not be involved in his decision, the Speaker, Mr. George Thomas, rules.

The Speaker said: On Thursday the Attorney General made a stateent on his reasons for refusing his consent to the application of Mr Gouriet to bring relator pro-ceedings for an injunction against the Union of Post Office Workers. Subsequently Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab) asked me to give a ruling on a number of

He asked me to rule whether the Attorney General, if he were to decide to appeal to the House of Lords against the decision of the Appeal Court on Mr Gouriet's application, would be doing so on behalf of the House of Commons The situation is that the Attorney General is an independent law officer of the Crown. My under-standing of the position is that if he decides to appeal to the Lords his action would be taken in that

capacity. Therefore this House is not involved in his decision. He also raised with me the com-petence of the House of Lords to consider this case and that clearly

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utive and the House of Commons.

He said the discussion that had

followed the statement on the Attorney General was of a most

curious and atmost unbalanced nature. They should take this early upportunity of discussing the matter so that they could get some proportion back into the issue.

He believed issues were looming large and not far away when the

large and not far away when the House would be involved in much

more controversial constitutional issues than they had been.

We now know (he said) there are some societies, some organizations, some groups of lawyers who

whether this House could debate the status of the Attorney General in this matter and express a view upon it. This House is free to discuss what it likes but it is for the House itself and not for me to decide the subjects for debate. Mr Michael English (Nottingham, West. Lab)—The Speaker said that the Attorney General alone may decide whether to appeal to the House of Lords.

I am not sure whether he has any grounds for appeal since two of the court ruled in his favour. A lawyer normally takes the advice of his client and his client in this case is the Cabloet of the United Kingdom. (Conservative interruptions.) An MP opposite has correctly said that he gives advice to his client. His client makes the decision whether to appeal and his client in this case is the Cabinet which is responsible to this House. The Speaker-It is already clear that I am not responsible for the Cabinet—happily.

Mr Samuel Silkin, the Attorney General-May I make clear that I am not responsible to the Cabinet on that matter. I am responsible

MPs from making statements.

It is for us (he continued) to

Fund and the limit on loans under

the International Monetary Fund Act, 1962, will be raised.

He said that since the war a

succession of governments interna-tionally had accepted responsibil-ity for the kind of development

almost unequalled in the world's history. The means which had been made available to feed the hungry and help the development of the less well-off countries and the promotion of the stable economic conditions where contributes of which

hat recovery.

The Bill provided for an increase in the financial facilities for the

Mr George Cunningham (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab), raising a point of order, said there was a possibility that the Speaker (Mr George Thomas), might be invited by certain MPs to set up a new Speaker's Conference with a view

to considering, among other things, the question of the repre-sentation in the House of Scotland

Export-Credits Guarantee Depart- certain periods.

and Tewkesbury, C)—The Attorney General has just said that he is responsible only to himself. He said earlier that he agreed he was responsible to the House for his decision. Now he has changed his mind and said only he was respon-

In view of the confusion, there should be an opportunity for these

The Speaker-I hope we are not going to pursue this matter now. I gave the House a clear statement. Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, Vest, Lab)—While I accept that if west Lady—while raccept that in the Attorney General were to decide to appeal he should do so on his own behalf, it is made clear in Erskine May that this sort of issue is one between the high Court of Parliament and the High Court of Justice and has been an issue from time to time over the mast few builded wars. past few hundred years.

It is extremely important to know the grounds on which the Attorney General is appealing. Therefore, is it not important that Parliament should be able to dehate the issue as early as pos-

The Speaker—I made clear to the House that it can debate what it likes but it is not for me to say when it debates it.

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The Conservatives were getting themselves worked up into a lather over the Bullock report whea what they should be doing was examinating the proposals carefully intended to the conservative to the conservat ing the proposals carefully instead of jumping to hasty conclusions, of jumping to hasty conclusions, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for 'lodustry, said. Involving workers more in decision making would help to get more out of investment and existing resources. Mr Verley (Chesterfield, Lab) told Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab): I shall meet CBI representatives at the next NEDC meeting on February 2.

eting on February 2. Mr Rooker—Will be tell them that it is their obsessive hatred of the planning agreements concept which has led to British Leyland having to consider sending abroad the work to make the tools for the new cars in Leyland's body build-ing programme in the next four

Mr Varley—I have said many times the Government are disappointed with progress on planning agreements. To some extent Mr Rooker is right, the CBI could have given the policy more backing but have over reacted.

about British Leyland today that Mr Rooker will submit evidence to the National Enterprise Board. That is the right approach.

Government not to undertake to publish a draft Bill this session but to give more time for discussion, not least because the draft fifth EEC directive on worker participa-tion is due to be republished in March. A draft Bill in the follow-

Mr Varley—Ministerial respon-sibility for the Bullock proposals rests with the Secretary of State for Trade (Mr Edmund Dell). The Government are committed to an extension of industrial democracy and we have made plain that we shall lay legislative proposals before the House this session.

Mr Bryan Davies (Enfield, North, Lab)—He should emphasize to the CBI that the nation is scandalized by their reaction to the report. The by their reaction to the report. The nation thinks is right that workers in industry should participate in a democratic way in the development of their firms.

Mr. Varley—I agree. So much of Britain's industrial problems is not setting enough out of our invest.

getting enough out of our invest-ment and existing resources. In-volving workers in decision taking more would help.

That is the right approach.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood Mr Hugh Dykes (East Harrow, and Ongar, C)—Will he and Mr

industry whether they can be expected to gain if the majority report of the Bullock committee were implemented?

Mr Variey—The president of the institute is Sir Derek Ezra. He is committed to extending industrial democracy in the National Coal Board, I do not know if his views are reflected in the institute.

Everything I have said to vir

Rooker about the CBI applies equally to the institute.

Mr John Biffen, chief Opposition spokesman on industry (Oswestry, C)—The Department of Industry have an important part to play in the debate arising from the Bullock report. If constructive consul-mitions on employee participations are to proceed they must be on the widest possible basis. They should not be restricted merely to the concept of trade union representation on a unitary board.

Mr Varley—The minister last week said consultations would take place immediately with all interested parties on the majority report. I carnot say any more until these talks have taken place. Asked if he was satisfied with the current rate of industrial invest-

Managers'

under pay

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) has

asked Mr Varley to pay tribute to the directors of Cable and Wireless which, he said, had b. d a post tax

profit increase over the past six years of about 400 per cent.

whose salaries are in excess of those of the directors.

to me but they were unacceptable to the Government and i told them

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policy

Oversess investment in this country is likely to be seriously damaged by the Bullock committee implementation, if it should be implemented. Does Mr Varley regard the principle as more im-portant than the jobs that may be

Mr Varley-He is jumping to conin Bullock and particularly in those companies who are considering investing in the United King-

Overseas companies whom I have contacted over the last 12 months regard the prospects for invest-ment in Britain as encouraging. Mr Mike Thomas (Newcastle upon Tyne, East, Lab)—Damage is being done to investment in the ship-building industry by the impasse that surrounds the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.

Mr Varley—He has made a strong point about the difficulties in the Shipbullding and Aircraft Indus-tries Bill and the fact that the Bill is delayed. I hope that the examincurrent rate of industrial invest-ment, Mr Varley replied: No. It is Lords quickly and that the Bill will

could be more damaging to a qualified introduction of the ock report in face of the qua opposition of management.
The Secretary of State
Energy (Mr Benn) tried t assure management over the end by saying that the intr tion of industrial democracy no more alarming than the duction of the vote. Word point out to Mr Benn the introduction of universal suwas not restricted to trade. members? (Conservative ch Mr Varley—If Mr Lamon wa question Mr Benn he should way of doing so and not out through me. I do not know u is getting excited and at about industrial democracy. I always thought the intition of industrial democrac

participation had some supp the Conservative Party. The getting themselves worked a a lather over this when who should be doing is examining proposals carefully instead

Prospects for HS 146 put in jeopardy

others whose prospects had been damaged by what the House of Lords had done to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, it was the HS 146 aircraft whose prospects had been placed in jeopardy, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Minister of

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C) asked what estimate had been made of the total cost to public funds of the British Aerospace Organizing Committee during the financial year 1976-77.

Mr Kaulman (Manchester, Ardwick, Lab) said £145,000. Mr Tebbit-Why does he think it is in the public interest that the com-mittee should not give the details of how this money is being spent and, in particular, what is the

danger to the security of the state that might arise if the committee were to convey how much of the money paid in emoluments to the members of the committee is taxable ? Mr Kaufman-Mr Tebbit is, even by his standards, being pretty bizarre. The salaries of those who been appointed to organizing committee are taxable.

They have other expenditure of which we have given details in this House and which they have been using to try to compensate for the delay in the Bill caused by Mr Tebbit and his friends in the

more concerned with the problems that the organizing committee have to deal with rather than the details to deal with rather than the details of their firz-toss. Has the minister received their views on the current propostls for full-scale fanding of the HS 146 and when we are to have a decision which is much needed in my constituency and eligables. elsewhere ?

Mr Kaulman-If there is one project above all others whose pros-pects have been damaged by what the House of Lords have done to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill it is the HS 146 whose prospects have been placed in jeopardy by the Bill. (Conservative interruptions.) If the Opposition doubt my words perhaps they would accept the words of the Air Correspondent of The Daily Telegraph. Air Commodore E. M. Donaldson.

The Correspondent of the Air there should be more than 20 employees of Cable and Wireless of the sale of the sale

Mr Michael Grylls (North-West Surrey, C)—Would he be more truthful or accurate in his replies? The Bill would have been passed by now if, it were not for the stubborness of the Secretary of State over the shiprepairing industry.

As the organizing committee of the shipbuilding corporation does | 50.
not exist because of all the resign Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester nations, what is he going to do

and Tewkesbury, C)—Cable and Wireless will not go on being a successful company if Mr Varley does not reward the management properly. Instead of his absurd Mr Kaufman-We could have had ! an emasculated Act if we wished, but we introduced the Act fulfilling our pledges at the last two general elections that we would industrial strategy, it is necessary to pay managers properly for nationalize shiprepairing and that doing a good job.

Bill must include shiprepairing Wr Varley—I am i

Mr Varley—I am in favour of paying everybody properly. He knows, although he does not necessarily accept it, that the Government have a prices and incomes policy. If we had agreed to the propo-sals put to us by Cable and Wire-less we would have violated that

Mr Norman Lamont, an Opposition multiplied many times in the pri

people are tempted into the impor-tant jobs, will be persuade the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the next incomes policy and the Budger to give some overdue relief to management? Mr Varley-I will draw the Chanthe intention to look at all these

As it is important that the bus

Take home pay

Mr Robert Sheldon, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said in a written reply: A married man with four children earning £5,000 a year in 1974 would take home £3.875 after taking account of income tax. family allowance and national in-

EEC elections Bill to be introduced at earliest possible time

Answering questions on the remuneration of directurs of Cable and Wireless Ltd and Guancial rewards for management, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said it was intended to look at all of these matters in relation to the policy for the ray phase of best endeavoirs to bring forward legislation on direct elections at the earliest possible time, as they intended to meet the 1978 deadline Dr David Owen, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said during questions on his to the policy for the next phase of the incomes policy. statement on fature business of the EEC Council of Ministers.

> Mr Paul Channon (Southend, West, C) said: There is now widespread scepticism in Europe that the Covernment are intending to meet the date proposed for direct elections. Unless the Government come forward with a Bill in the near future, that scepticism will be wholly justified. (Conservative cheers.)

> Dr Owen-I am aware that meeting that deadline presents more probthat occanne presents more prob-lems in this country than in any other. It would be foolish to ignore that. We have a major piece of constructional legislation on the floor of the House, and this is bound to have an effect on our ability to carry another important siece of legislation.

Mr Douglas Hurd, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Mid Oxon. C) said earlier: When does Dr Owen expect the Council of Ministers to review the progress made in member states in preparing for direct elections in 1978, and to fix a firm date for these elections?

Dr Owen-They are not likely to fix a final date for direct elections in 1978 until member states have started to make legislative provi-sion for direct elections. No plember state has yet taken any

registative action.

Mr John Ellis (Brigg and Scuntorpe, Labour Party and voters validity of fighting elections with other democratic social behalf on direct elections, he should be shou

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pletely unrealistic.

Dr Owen-It is necessary i House to discuss this matt there is now before the H report from the select con dealing with some of the pedetail Mr Ellis has raised. I detail Mr Ellis has raised To no doubt that the House with the take a view on the sign distribution of seats, the fithe elections and a whole of issues. On the issue of prion which Mr Ellis clearly herent views to myself at Government, we are committee our best erdeavours more out that the seat of the seat use our best endeavours to

duce direct elections by 1 June, 1978. Mr Eric Helfer (Liverpool ton, Lab) -As the Government constantly reminding Labou of Labour Party conference sions on the devolution Bill should recall that decisions conference on direct election Labour Party made clear tha opposed to these elections. Dr Owen and the Government be in favour the Labour P. not, and elections next year

non-starter.

Or Owen—I agree that we decision of the Labour Part ference. We should take that sions seriously, but they ended inding on the Government are not issues to be turned. aside. We hope to convin

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First consideration of farm price proposals

mess to be taken in the Council of fourth medium-term eto Ministers of the European policy programme and experi Community during February, said lour meetings were proposed. Foreign ministers (he said) will February 14 and 15, ministrates on February 8; finance ministrates on February 14 and agricultural prices for 15 and 28 and March 14 and for agricultural prices for 15 and 28 and March 14 and for agricultural prices for 15 and 28 and March 14 and for agricultural prices for 15 and 28 and March 14 and 15 and 15

15, and 28 and March 1. Ministers at the foreign affairs council will consider problems in the fisheries sector, preparation for further work in the Conference

of International Economic Copperation, and the Euro-Arab dialogue. They will discuss the affairs council on February & community's relations with Portugal Japan, Spain, and Cyprus and a financial protocol with Turkey resume their consideration. Financial and economic cooperation protocols with Israel will be

Or David Owen, Minister of State to Foreign and Commonwealth ministers council has not ret affairs (Plymouth, Devonport, settled, but among the to Lab), in a statement about busi-ministers could discuss in

At the agriculture Colin and they will also consider 1 sals on potatoes and for increfinancial limits under the structure directives.

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Ministers reviewing prosecution process

Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirling-shire, Lab) asked when the Attor-ncy General next expected to meet the Director of Public Prosecu-Mr Samuel Silkin-I meet the Director of Public Prosecutions

and receive communications from him as often as the need arises. Mr Canavan-The power of the DPP does not extend to Scotland.
Will he also confirm that the recent injunction granted by the Appeal Court did not extend to Post Office workers in Scotland. Many within the Labour movement who wholeheartedly support the Attorney General in his efforts to defend the rights of this House

also policies. There ind been the increase in commodity exchanges, multiplying seven times in the morid trade in manufactured goods, multiplying 10 times. These had been an improvement internally not only in capital goods but more especially and more recently in consumer goods.

The oil crisis, however, however, in their balance to provided a heavier burden for those countries not so alter their affairs to produce the balance that other countries had been able to achieve. The decision that had been made to furcease in the fund resources to factorial trade in manufactured goods, multiplying and more recently in consumer goods.

The oil crisis, however, against the courts would also defend the rights of Scottish Post Office workers to demonstrate against the apartheid regime in South Africa. Mr Silkin-Fortunately I am not responsible for Scots law; that is for the Lord Advodate.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab)—There is grave dissatisfaction both with the length of time the DPP takes to consider some of these cases and with the adequacy, in the end, with which that office seems to have considered them.

When he next meets Sir Norman Skelborn or his successor, when appointed, will he discuss the Government's plans for a fully independent prosecution process for England, which is independent of the police. Can be say something about how his preparations are

Mr Silkin—It would be going much too far to say that the Government have such plans, but there have been a number of considerations. functioning that by the organizations, fustice, about the prosecution process generally.

That is a matter in which the Home Secretary is closely in-volved. He and I, when necessary, discuss the matter as we do, with

There is no complacency but There is no complacency but there are difficulties of staff and other difficulties which we are training to get over as best we can, pending perhaps a final decision about what the prosecution processes ought to be.

Firm power plant ordering programme for CEGB being considered Later Mr Norman Atkinson Haringey, Tottenham, Lab) unaccessfully sought an emergency accessfully sought and sought accessfully sought and sought accessfully sought accessfully sought accessfully sought and sought accessfully sought ac is an area that concerns this argu-ment that possibly will take place shortly about the prevention of MPs openly discussing outside the House questions of the Race Rela-

ordering programme for the Central Electricity Generating Board, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary

It is an issue, in my opinion, equal to some of the controversial areas that arise in this area of North, Lab) had asked him when he expected to conclude the con-sultations arising from the CPRS industrial relations.

It is essential that we get right report into the power generating this business of the use of the courts from now on to prevent Mr Varley (Chesterfield, Lab)-

Consultations arising from the CPRS report are being conducted with all possible speed.

correct the record and make sure Mr Whitehead—It is the essence of this problem that a steady forward ordering policy from the CEGB is amounced as soon as possible. Some firms have interests not only justide but outside the boiler-making industry and their buoyancy justide and outside the industry has to be taken into account. that people understand that no on is attempting to be above the law. What we are concerned about is that the courts should not become instruments of making law, nor should they become institutions capable of preventing freedom of are discussing ways in which they expression of opinion, particularly can seek an injunction preventing of MPs.

World trade in manufactured ment from the present maximum of £18,200m to £25,000m. It was the postwar years, Mr Robert Shellow running at £17,300m. The Commonwealth Development

don, Financial Secretary to the Corporation's financial limits were

Treasury (Ashton under Lyne, to be increased from £260m to a Lab) said, moving the second reading of the International Finance, Trade and Aid Bill, by which further subscriptions will be which further subscriptions will be paid to the International Monetary was likely to remain for a long fund and the limit on long under the face. The counterpart to these

now the recovery had still some way to go.

This Bill. (he said) is a modest but worthwhile contribution to the resumption in the growth of world trade which will be essential to that recurrent.

The problem for the IMF was how to get an orderly variation in exchange rates and prevent the kind of competitive devaluations of pre-war.

firm ordering programme.

of State for Industry, said. Mr Phillip Whitehead (Derby,

was likely to remain for a long time. The counterpart to these large surpluses of revenue was the large bedance of payments deficits of the other countries, of which Britain was one. The non-oil developing countries and the OFCO

oping countries and the OECD

countries had to bear the main brunt of these deficits.

The big question at present con-cerued the distribution of the def-ick between those countries con-

cerned. So long as there were some countries that were able to ensure a surplus in their balance of pay-ments the burden was nor equally shared and it provided a heavier

exchange rates that the world was learning to live with rather painfully but with the understanding that they would be with them for some time to come.

which were a feature of pre-war governments and which contribu-ted markedly to the slumps at

Mr Nigel Forman (Sutton, Carshalton, C)—The House must sympathize with the problems of the power plant manufacturing industry, but it is not the answer to oblige the CEGB to indulge in a firm forward ordering programme for which there is no prospect of real demand for a decade.

It would be much better to try to do more to promote export pros-pects for this industry to see that it has a chance to capture some over-

Mr Varley-It is in the interests of the CEGB and the two Scottish of the CEGB and the two Scottish boards to have a power plant manufacturing industry in this country. If the Government were to take no action the industry would go down and be knocked into the ground. It employs something like 34,000 people directly, so into that at this stage.

Under the amended articles of the IMF an obligation was placed on the fund to exercise surv-eillance over interest rate arrange-

ments, the surveillance providing for the IMF to be informed of changes proposed by the member countries and for consultations to

Some people would see these

Some people would see these provisions as the long-term replacement for the Bretton Woods agreements in 1944 but he believed the aims were more modest than that What they saw in these new articles was the basis for a monitoring and coordination of exchange rates through the influence of the IMF. What it might lead to ultimately was something he would not wish to speculate upon.

Regarding the developing countries, they saw in this Bill the Commonwealth Development Corporation acquiring an increase in its borrowing limits. This was a modest but valuable contribution

to aid.

The interdependence of developed and developing countries was something they would have to take even more seriously. United Kingdom general aid policy was one that would need to continue. Aid should go to the poorest countries and rural development should form the main areas of aid for the poorest people who lived in those areas. The development of natural resources would help those people best. The Commonwealth Development Corporation would continue

ment Corporation would continue to contribute to finance as well as the management of projects.

The IMF extended fund facility

established recently was to finance medium-term development plans. There had been a number of

agreed programmes, in particular those concerning Kenya and the Philippines covering the longer term for four to eight years.

The Bill dealt with the medium

Mr Francis Pym, Opposition

take place.

Lab)-Will he have consultations tor. Before Mr Varley rushes to with the Secretary of State for apply for the job, will be bear in Energy in view of the need for mind that they are considering Drax B? We shall need extra appointing somebody at sub-hourd power in the 1980s and it will take level? This experience could be into the table of the state of th eight years at least to construct. multiplied m place between the Secretary of State for Energy and the CEGB about Drax B.
Mr Kenneth Clarke (Rushchiffe, C1—Will be spell out to Mr Roberts the cost in terms of the increased price of electricity to consumers if the board is obliged to order coal-fired power stations in advance of any need when see

already have an excess of generating capacity in this country?

Mr Varley—I cannot point it out to him because we do not ready the full details and implications. The cost and price will have to be considered but it is no acres to each matters in relation to the policy for the next phase of the incomes considered, but it is too early to go Modest move to assist growth of world trade

surance contributions. To take home the same amout in real terms he would have to earn £6,435 in 1975, £7,570 in 1976, and £9,420 and long term. The essential ele-ment of it was that Government involvement must always be present to support those efforts of

Britain's exporters in producing the balance of trade which the country needed.

The ECGD would be providing improved support for contracts regulated in foreign currency. A Investment in steel this year was more than £600m, Mr Gerald Kant-man, Minister of State for Industry, said.

Mr Kaufman-The Government

of the It-year development strategy. The Secretary of State for Industry (Mr Varley) intends to announce decisions on outstanding specific proposals after receiving to delay the financial provisions on

the old IMF was not an instrument for controlling world monetary affairs but just an instrument which could be used to alleviate some of the more unexpected devo-Many people felt that the new articles represented a temporary compromise. They did not mark the end of the discussion about the fund's future but simply marked a breather during that discussion.

number of details concerning that would be made available to-

Mr Cecil Parkiuson, an Opposition

snokesman on trade (South Hert

fordshire, C), said it was signifi-cant that market forces had forced

the changes and that the IMF had had to modify the rules to meet them and not the other way round. The Financial Secretary gave the

impression that everything that had happened had been part of a plan and the IMF had been in charge of events throughout, but

that was not the case. The new articles arose because the old ones had been overtaken by events.

It had been demonstrated that

morrow.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons Today, at 2.30; Scottand and Water Bill, committee stage.

House of Lords Today, at 2.50: Rent (Agriculture) (Agendent) Bill, second rending and remaining stages. Criminal Law Bill, committee stage. Molions on Lotteries, and Lotteries (Sociland) Regulations. Procedural point on number of MPs

> requires you or instructs you to set up a Speaker's Conference. We have made it clear that the initiative lies with the Prime Minister.

with a request that you should consider presiding over such a conference. We have some sympathy with what has been said about your being put in an awkward position. The Speaker—If there is any advantage in my making a statement of the leavest oversight will.

ment to the House I certainly will do so. Otherwise, if the House does

not mind, I shall communicate with Mr Cumingham,

Research in Britain to which 15 American organizations have con-tributed \$10m looks like yielding an important development in the

search for alternative sources of energy. The scheme involves the energy. The scheme involves the conversion of low-grade coal into substitute natural gas and liquid bydrocarbons suitable as raw materials for the chemical indusin an assessment of the immedi-

An interior report on the project is published by Dr J. A. Gray, director of research, British Gas Corporation, in the NCB Quarterly Journal, produced by the National Coal Soard. It is an immusual success story made possible because of the existence in the United Kingdom of the last installation in the world of a previous type of gas-making plant, which had been succeeded by other technologies and the use

of natural gas.

origins to work 40 years ago in Germany that produced a means of making high-quality gas without coke by the Lurgi process. Variations of that process led to better ways of surphesister age for the country ways of surphesister age for the cou better ways of synthesizing gas for

Eight years ago one Lurgi plant remained, at Westfield, in Scot-land, and was kept operating for another five years until overtaken

Although Britain had no need for the equipment, natural gas supplies in the United States were

American coals with different characteristics infling the chemistry of the co

Britain's steel investment highest in EE ill last session. When the 10-year develop

Mr Timothy Renton (Mid Sussex, C) had asked when it was proposed to amounce a decision on British Steel Corporation's 10 year modernization and capital reequipment programme.

remain committed to the principles of the 10-year development stra-

specific recommendations from the Bridsh Steel Corporation.

Mr Renton—I appreciate the complexity of the matter. But due to the delays over some years the costs of the modernization programme have risen from £3.000m, when first published, to perhaps £6.000m up to now. Where is that money coming from?

It would be better for the BSC and the Government to agree on a modified programme quickly and then let BSC get on with it.

Mr Kaufman—We would not have

When the 10-year develop programme was published in nobody, including Mr Walker (Worcester, C), who implemented in one year. So built in that inflation shoul taken into account because is soating under the previous Goment.

more than £600m, which the pean commissioner resportacknowledged to me is the high steel investment in any country.

Science report 3

Gasification: Alternative energy

superseded in Britain by North Sea gas. supply to the mains. Those were in an assessment of the control to ate work which can be done to extend fuel resources the Energy by natural gas. Research and Development Administration, Washington, has earmarked the British method of coal

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gasification for special attention.

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In the Lurgi process coal if into the top of a furnace and steam and oxygen are for through the bottom. The to heated by the ascending gases repours that are collected in changed form as substitute greatly with American coals, included alterations in the process. That has included alterations in the process. That has fundamental changes in open of the plant; but provides greater efficiencies and embly wider range of coals to be a stagging gasifier, and the pretinte year project is to pet the design as a commercial and liquor producing systems by Pearce Wright.

Science Editor

Source: NCB Quarterly Josi

If you were to become involved in a master of this degree of political controversy (he added) then the position of the Chair would be considerably weakened. Have you had any approach so far as to your willingness to call a Speaker's Conference, either following statute or without the necessity of statute? Finally what notice can you give to the House as spokesman on devolution (Cambridge, C)—There may be amendments to the Bill which could give rise to the fears just Amendments had been tabled lowing statute or without the expressed I have not seen them. and if they were passed, any disnecessity of statute? Finally what Nothing the Opposition have cussion whether the Speaker notice can you give to the House as proposed by way of amendment. ا محكذا من الاصل ا

Conference would be taken from this and he would be bound by statute.

If you were to become involved in a master of this degree of political conference (he added) that

lines?

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Shield stamps, started and now holding threeof the market, are it by three-quarters of ish population, accord-an analysis of the stamp industry pub-esterday by The Econstelligence Unit. The

meors tennis, hockey, ming in common with hing stamp companies, a community savings areby a higher value n stamps collected for n stamps contested for the stamps that the scrusses and exchanged majority believe in the value is such as wheekchairs. of stamps, it adds. an 12,000 groups made at scheme in 1975, and ge of 150 new groups seing started every

speciability of trading has increased, with a neghening of its grip inper levels of society-liber of savers in socioclasses A and B rose than a tith between litture promises still nepertation of our

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stamps may be quite trading Stamps in the United le." A hundred stamps Kingdom (The Economist Intelligence Unit Ltd., £40).

Chancellor of the Exchequer, in seeking acceptance for the next phase of wage restraint. Retailers who have a tradingstamp franchise benefit through increased sales. Green Shield benefits from the profit on its bulk-bought "gifts". So who

pays? The The report says that almough there is conflicting evidence, surveys indicate that stamps do not push up prices. "It is obvious from the fact that 71 per cent of the population collect stamps that

That may overlook an addictive element to the collection of stamps, recognized by the authors in a reference to the value of special offtrs of thousands of stamps on big purchases. "It cannot be stressed too much that such schemes help to keep people in stamp-savers' habits the report says.

There is a cloud on the horizon of this otherwise almost perfect product. Several of Britain's EEC partners have rules severely restricting the use of trading stamps, on the ground that they constitute unfair competition, stealing trade from non-franchised shopkeepers and aiding the development of monopolies.

Most countries want legislation to be standardized, and discussions are under although the report asserts that "narmonization need not be expected in the comparatively

Whitehall pay report urges cut of

By Peter Hemessy MPs were told yesterday htat civil servants' salaries would need to be reduced by up to 81 per cent to allow for the value of their inflation-proof pensions compared with privatesector schemes.

The general subcommittee of the Commons Select Committee on Expanditure, which is inves-tigating Whitehall, had before it a memorandum from Mr Geoffrey Heywood, senior actuary partner with Duncan C. Fraser and Co, suggesting that the deduction of 14 per cent from Civil Service salaries was

from Civil Service salaries was too low. If interest rates and inflation continued at 8 per cent for a long period the deduction should be 10 per cent.

The 14 per cent was calculated in 1973 by the Government Actuary on the long-term assumption of interest rates at 8 per cent, 6 per cent salary growth and 4 per cent price inflation. Suspension in 1975 of the Civil Service pay research system, based on comparison system, based on comparison with private sector jobs had prevened a revision.

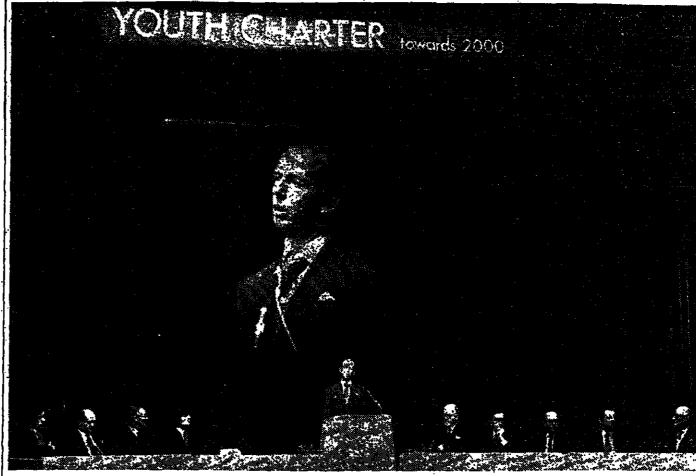
A joint memorandum from

Government Actuary and Civil Service Department said Mr Heywood's assumptions were unrealistic.

MPs urged Mr Edward Johnston, the Government Actuary, to update the 1973 figure. He agreed that a current calcula-tion would produce a different

His department is surveying private schemes for revised com-

parison.
Mr Nicholas Ridley, Conser-Tewkesbury, said the 1973 calculation showed incompetence. Everybody knew the inflation rate would soar beyond 4 per



Neglect of youth: The splendour of the £13m Wembley Conference Centre, which was officially opened yesterday by the Duke of Kent (above, with his photograph projected by closed circuit television), could not mask the depressing message that came from the inaugural conference being held there this week (Penny Symon

Successive governments had failed to pro-vide adequately for the needs of Britain's young people, and there had been no consideration of ways in which expendi-ture could be reallocated to meet those

The National Council of Social Service and the National Youth Bureau, which are

sponsoring Youth Charter towards 2000, have an ambitious aim. They hope to define and publicize the difficulties faced by young people and draw up a youth charter. Mr Alan Haselhurst, a former Conserva-tive MP, the conference chairman, said it

was a might to assume that young people today had never had it so good. Neither national nor local governments had effectively provided for their needs. "The people are here, the experience is here, and the idealism is surely here", he said. "It ought to be possible to see emerging the first outline of a charter of youth affairs." The centre was vital to ensure

The conference opened with an audio-visual presentation: 100 Years of Youth on a giant television screen above the auditorium. It showed how young people had been exploited in two world wars and that governments in the 1950s spent only 16 shillings a head annually on the youth

Service. Today Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, will address the conference, and two former Prime Ministers, Mr Heath and Sir Harold Wilson, will contribute later in the week. There will also be "talk-ins" and workshop sessions on various subjects.

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Local Government

an initial response to by Mr Shore, Secretate for the Environhe Labour Party local nt' conference on Mr Carleton Hetherecretary of the associa-1: "We are positively to any major change reorganized local

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> eht that might return some power that the with reorganization. is not good local

the cities to absorb

eral areas, leaving the as essentially dis-

ociation opposes the olution, welcomes a

Ten thousand new teachers failed to find jobs

By Judith Judd, of The Times figher Education Supplement Nearly 10,000 newly qualified October, according to a survey issued yesterday.

The figures were compiled by

formation about 71 per cent of last summer's output of teachers from colleges and polytechnic education departments. The National Association of

fied teachers. That includes those who have taken tem-porary jobs, those unemployed teachers, almost 30 per cent of from previous years, married the total seeking jobs, were still women who would like to re-onemployed at the beginning of turn, and those from university education departments. Mr Peirson shows that more

women were unemployed than Mr E. G. Peirson, Principal of men, 31.3 per cent compared Worcester College of Higher with 21.7 per cent. The unem-Education, on the basis of in-ployment level was lowest among B/Ed graduates and highest (33. per cent) for those who had taken the three-year certificate. Only 15 per cent of those

Teachers in Further and Higher taking jobs outside teaching Education says the survey supports its contention that there are 20,000 unemployed quality cent, took jobs in industry.

Siege-trial jury told how to make a bomb plosives expert, told Mr Justice operated bomb which would Captley and the jury in the contain about 31b of high exthe product of the same person plosives", he said. "You may think such a small device does Balcombe Street siege trial at the Central Criminal Court yesterday how lethal bombs with the destructive force of 16

Mr Lidstone, who has 39 years' experience of dealing with explosives, entered the court carrying a brown plastic holdall which he placed beside him in the witness box before he began giving evidence about his involvement with 14 incidents, referred to by the court

the bombs concerned were high-explosive time de-vices, he said. He took from the bag a mock-up bomb and told the jury how it was made.

bhase two "bombings,

August to December,

army hand grenades could be

not represent very much explosive power, but even a bomb as small as this would be equivalent to the explosive power of something like 16 army hand grenades all exploded together. It is a very powerful bomb."

He said that there was evidence linking 15 of the bomb incidents with one another and with bomb-making material found at the north London addresses in Milton Grove and Crouch Hill allegedly occupied

by the four defendants.

"In my opinion all 15 bombing incidents are directly related", he said. "I would

Mr Lidstone said that at the Crouch Hill address a quantity of high explosive was found. It was Everstock Frances, which was made in the Republic of Ireland and not available on the mainland of the United

Kingdom. It was not imported officially. It was also the explosive found at incidents where the bombs failed to explode. The Lockets restaurant attack had a heavy contamination of sawdust around the explosive,

which failed to detonate. Some of the explosive found at the Crouch Hill address was also contaminated with sawdust, and at Milton Grove there were plastic wraps with sawdust in consider from the correspond- them heavily contaminated with ence of design and material nitroglycerine, a constituent them heavily contaminated with

part of the Franjex explosives. Mr Lidstone told the jury of finding American-made detonofficially into the United Kingdom. He had encountered them only three times: once at Wilton Street, Mr Heath's home, and ar the Milton Grove address used by two of the defendants. Detonators used only in the Irish Republic were found at the Lockets restaurant site and at Wilton Street.

Commenting on the batteries used, he said: "All sorts can be used for making bombs." The defendants, o'Connell, aged 25, Edward But-ler, aged 28, Henry Duggan, aged 24, and Hugh Doherty, aged 26, refused to plead to 25 charges, including seven of morder, when the trial opened a week ago.

Ulster local politicians in Stormont talks

From Christopher Walker

A new round of discussion between local politicians and Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, began at Stormont yesterday but offi-cials, were doubtful whether it would lead to any end to the political deadlock in the pro-

During the afternoon Mason met a delegation from the mainly Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party, headed by Mr Gerard Fitt, the party's leader. Since the collapse of the Ulster Content vention early last year the future of the SDLP has been increasingly called into ques-tion because of lack of funds and disagreements between its members over the need to press for a British withdrawal from Ulster.

Before the meeting Mr Fitt said: "We will urge Mr Mason to involve himself more in trying to get the parties together. In the absence of a political forum only the paramilitaries stand to gain."
Today Mr Mason will meet a

delegation representing the Official Unionists Northern Ireland's largest Protestant party. But it was considered unlikely that he would agree to any change in the British policy of refusing to launch new political initiatives.

A man whose body was found dumped in Belfast early yesterday was believed by detectives to have been the victim of a feud among extreme "loyalists". Mr James Moorhead, aged 30, who had been severely beaten around the head, was known to have been an officer in the Ulster Defence Association. Toast to killing: A man who

drank a toast to the death of a policeman soon after acting as look-out for the gummen who shot him was jailed for life yesterday at Belfast City Commission (the Press Association

Noel Gaynor, aged 22, of Prospect Way, in the Shankill area of Lurgan, co Armagh, was charged with the murder of Constable Robert Megaw, aged 29, on December 1, 1973, in Lurgan. Mr Gaynor changed his plea from not guilty to guilty after about two hours

The court was told that Mr Gaynor stood on watch at a street corner. If he saw soldiers he was to warn the gunmen by striking a match. Constable Megaw was killed

when the gunmen opened fire on his Land-Rover. A little later Mr Gaynor went to a week ago.

The trial continues today.

Lurgan bar and drank a toast with the others.

Fransforming Wigan's derelict land into green and pleasant acres

chester back into green and pleasant land use has been by public spending delayed

cuts.
What is claimed to be the biggest derelict land reclamarion scheme attempted in Britain, possibly in Europe, is on the shelf for at least exmonths. The enthusiastic team of contract of the shelf for at least example. of experts operating from Wigan, where the job of removing some of the worst scars of the industrial revolution began, hope that their cherished "Higher Folds" scheme will not be delayed too long.

The successful task of restor-

ing derelict land has been going on almost unnoticed in the North-west (first in the "old" Lancashire country. "old" Lancashire county, lat-terly in the "new" Greater Manchester and Lancashire counties) for nearly a quarter of a century. In the 1950s Lancashire

An unrenowned but socially County Council calculated that important project to put, some it had inherited about 13,000 more acres of Greater Man-acres of mess left behind by worked-out collieries, aban-doned mills and factories and doned mills and factories and redundant railway and canal networks. By far the biggest proportion took the form of colliery spoil heaps; "slag heap" is a technically inaccurate description; slag comes from steelworks, spoil from collieries.

Above 2000 acres has been

About 2,000 acres has been reclaimed so far, most of it turned into farm grazing land which is gradually growing in richness by the due processes of nature. Some, like the famous "Three Sisters" (alternatively "the Wigan Alps") site are destined to become open space for enjoyment by the people of the old industrial towns who have always been towns who have always been short-changed in the past with

such a commodity.

The man behind the programme, Mr Joseph Melling,
thinks he has one of the most

Regional report

John Chartres Wigan

satisfying jobs in local govern-ment. He heads a team of 30 men and women, nearly all have been culled from the two county councils. Mr Melling particularly enjoys taking visitors on tours of sites, rejoicing in such Dangergus Corner, Industrious Bee, Careless Lane, and Foggs Fold, once the sort of places that inspired George Orwell

without the risk of falling down disused minestakts or into fetid ponds of drainage water.

The mechanical techniques of reclamation are fairly simple; the most complicated part is often the formal acquisition of derelict land from owners who abandoned it half a century or more ago but who sud-denly find it has enormous value on the day the team announces its intention of taking it over and cleaning it up. The nationalized industries, particularly British Rail, cannot, it seems, be dissociated from such behaviour.

from such behaviour.

In the case of colliery spoil heaps the task is a gigantic one of sheer muck-shifting; levelling out, creating new contours, establishing drainage, and often extinguishing smouldering subterranean fires.

Huge quantities of lime are

Huge quantities of lime are then applied, followed by grass seed and young trees. Topsoil is sometimes laid if it is easily available in the immediate

area, but once the acid in the spoil is neutralized and seed planted, soil is created with the passage of time.

The temporarily frustrated scheme for Higher Poids, on the outskirts of the typical former cotton and coal town of Leich, involves about 450 acres Leigh, involves about 450 acres of spoil heaps frowning over a housing estate built in the 1950s.
It will cost about £1.5m and

when completed will include an 18-hole golf course, playing fields, a farm holding and extensive woodlands, all unu-sual features in the area. Greater Manchester's total acreage of derelict land, about

8,500, is exceeded only, surpris-ingly enough, by Cornwall, Nearly all of Greater Manchester's dereliction is classed as "justifying restoration", compared with a fifth of Cornwall's, where fewer people are directly affected by the resi-dues from china clay extrac-

Prisoner had worker's rights, tribunal says

take a job under a prerelease scheme had the same rights as prison. any other worker, an industrial ribunal at Leeds ruled yester-

Mr Terence Gallogly, aged 38, of Haxby, near York, who completed a four-year prison sentence, alleged unfair dismissal from Aronstead Ltd, of Batley, manufacturers of garden furniture.

Mr Gallogly, a spot welder at the company, shop steward. was elected a

Mr Alex Lyon, Labour MP for York said in evidence that Mr Gallogly told him that the prison authorities had said he would be returned to prison

cease union activities. He later heard from Mr Gallogly's wife that he had been dismissed from his job and returned to Mr Lyon said he spoke to Mr Stanley Foreman, joint manag-ing director of Aronstead, who said he had been told by the

prison that Mr Gallogly was not entitled to hold union office. Mr Lyon said he had been told by prison officials that Mr Foreman had been urging them

to take Mr Gallogly away because of his union activities. Mr Foreman told the tribunal that the company asked for Mr Gallogly to be recalled to

prison because of threats made against him by friends of a man involved in a dispute. The hearing was adjourned until February 17.

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Britain in Europe: Trade patterns

Commonwealth ousted kidnap more by EEC as biggest customers

changed dramatically in the past 15 years. Whereas in 1960 the Commonwealth countries by our eight parmers in the shows.

Trade charts tovering those 15 years show that the EEC and the Commonwealth have almost exactly exchanged roles. In 1960 the Commonwealth took 41.2 per cent of our exports, and provided 38.5 per cent of our imports, while the Six plus Denmark and Ireland took 19.3 per cent of exports and provided 20.4 per cent of imports. "Now the siruation is reversed, the EEC taking 36 per cent of exports and providper cent of exports and provid-ing 37 per cent of imports, the Commonwealth (without South Africa) accounting for 15 per cent of our exports and 13.3 per cent of imports. The eight EEC countries overtook the Commonwealth as an export market in 1966, and as a source of imports in the fol-

There is now only one non-EEC country among—indeed, still at the head of—our top six export markets, the United States. In 1965 Australia, now in tenth place, was third, and West Germany was the only EEC country in the top six. Britain's membership of the European Community has thus

consolidated and, so far, accentuated a steady trend. Some doubts were aroused in 1975, when there was a fall in the EEC's share of United Kingdom exports. But last year that jumped from 32.2, per cent to 36 per cent, and the growth seems likely to continue.

At the same time there has

been, as anti-Marketeers continually point out, a dramatic increase in Britain's trade deficit with the Eight since Britain joined the EEC. It rose from £185m in 1971 to £1,172m in 1973, the first year of membership, reached £2,386m in 1975, but fell to £2,222m last year (overseas trade basis).

To some extent that can be explained by special factors. The fall of the pound was most marked against main EEC currencies like the Deutschmark and guilder, thus disproportionately increasing the cost of imports from those countries. The cost of oil imported through Rotterdam shot. up in the wake of the energy

Then there was a substantial transfer of food purchases towards the EEC, mainly because of the pressures of the importance, and components should flow with components. EEC's common agricultural policy (CAP), with its princibut partly because in 1973 and 1974 some food products were cheaper in the EEC than on waitid markets.

In 1972, 31 per cent of our total food imports came from the Eight. By last year that had jumped to 44 per cent, and accounted for 64 per cent of the total overall visible trade deficit with the EEC: coincidentally, almost exactly the same percentage as food imports represent in Britain's world trade deficit.

world trade deficit.

Finally, there was the book of 1972/73, coupled with inadequate British production aggravated by strikes and the three-day week, which caused exports to be sucked in. Failure by British industry to satisfy British demand for its proisfy British demand for its products continues to bedevil the balance of trade. There is

Britain's trade patterns have lity, coupled with quality, hanged dramanically in the design and after-sales service, has become increasingly impor-tant in an ever more sophisticated market, as indeed West were collectively our biggest cated market, as indeed West market and customer, their German success in selling place has gradually been taken against the D-mark barrier

There is, by contrast, no gen eral agreement on the significance of the progressive re-ntoval of tariffs which charac-terizes the EEC. The final cutson Britain's imports from her partners, and on their imports from us, come on July 1, when Britain will also finally adopt the EEC's common customs tariff on imports from nonmember states that do not enjoy feee trade arrangements. An additional plus-factor of membership is the gradual removal of technical or non-tariff barriers to trade, such as dif-ferent health or safety stand-

That uncertainty about the effect of belonging to a customs union in an era of inflation and source of imports in the following year, and have gradually increased their importance as our main seasons in an era of inflation and source of imports in the following year, and have gradually increased their importance as our main seasons. EEC on, for example, our exports and imports of manufactured goods, where there is still a deficit.

For example, since Britain joined the EEC, the pound has depreciated by 36.4 per cent against the Deutschemark. That might seem a far more formid-able barrier than any tariff, yet United Kingdom imports from Germany have increased from £841m in 1972 to just under £2,000m in 1975.

The accompanying table of the share of the British car market demonstrates how hard it is to assess the impact of

Japanese imports thus increased proportionately more than EEC imports, even

than EEC imports, even though they faced an 11 per cent import duty compared with a shrinking duty on EEC cars, the last 2 per cent of which is due for elimination on July 1. But it is characteristic of the EEC as a fact of life that, whereas imports of Japanese' cars are now likely to be held at roughly the present levels, those of EEC cars will suffer no such limitation, and have been increasing sharply. They include more and more "Euro-pean" models from Ford, Chrysler and General Motors

importance, and components should flow with compensating freedom. and Britain's accession, have undoubtedly encouraged multinational companies to "Europeanize " their production.

As the EEC becomes an in-

creasingly homogeneous market, with no customs and fewer technical barriers to trade, it will inevitably become progressively more attractive to British manufacturers. It may be a far tougher and more competitive market than the Com-monwealth used to be. But it is large, increasingly open, rich, sophisticated and near. logical that Britain should sell an increasing volume of manufactured goods to her EEC partners in exchange for those increased imports of EEC food, and the signs are that British industry is beginning to accept the challenge.

New move today

walk out at BBC

A fresh attempt will be made

nday to avert a national walktoday to avert a national walkout by BBC journalists on
Thursday over the suspension
of a Radio Sheffield producer.
The Advisory, Conciliation
and Arbitration Service (Acas)

has called together the BBC the National Union of Journa-

lists and the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs

An anti-strike committee of journalists is to meet Mr Kenneth Morgan, NUJ general secretary, this morning. It will take with it messages of sup-

port from colleagues in Stoke-on-Trent, Belfast, Manchester and Cardiff, A member said last

night: "We are prepared to mount our own ballot as a last resort to show the strength of

resort to show the strength of feeling against the militant minority. At least 100 London NUJ members are prepared to ignore the strike call."

The dispute is over the use

of a greengrocer and a teacher

to provide sports reports for

A strike by NUJ members at Mercury House, a London pub-lishing house, is about to enter

its fourth week. The journalists

At Kettering Northampton-shire, a newsagents' delegation

has met the Northamptonshire

Evening Telegraph management over a nine-week journa-

Police officers answering a

exploded, found a drunken railman in charge of a London

underground station, it was stated at Marylebone Magis-trates' Court yesterday. Peter Richard Court, aged 28,

a station foreman, of Shepherd's Bush Road, London was fined

the maximum of £10 for being

Radio Sheffield.

lists' strike

want better benefits.

Railman was

found drunk

to avert staff

By Christopher Thomas Labour Staff

To be continued

Union chief hits at politicians over legislation

By Our Labour Staff

Mr John Boyd, general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said yesterday that neither devolu-tion nor industrial democracy. would improve industrial efficiency, increase productivity or bring greater security to work-

Mr Boyd, who might emerge as one of the leading contenders to succeed Mr Hugh Scanlon as president of the union said MPs should be directing all their thoughts and actions towards establishing Great Britain Ltd. They should be "inspiring and encouraging the nation to work together to get ourselves ou tof our economic difficulties, getting rid of unemployment and having everyone engaged in meaningful em-

He assuced politicians of bad timing over the devolution and industrial democracy issues.
"The parliamentary debate on the former will create heat and division, and certainly its im-plementation will create more non-productive, but highly remunerative jobs in the duplicated administration which will follow, but not real wealth."

On the Bullock proposals for worker participation in the board room, Mr Boyd said that workers on the factory floor had never really discussed industrial democracy although their views were far more im-portant than those of academics or theoreticians. An immediate debate, on industrial democ-racy might create division be-tween unions and within managements when they could least

be afforded. Mr Boyd's union, which has 14m members, disagrees with both the TUC and the Govern-ment on industrial democracy. It simply wants an expansion of industrial relations and col-lective bargaining in the private sector.

Threat to

Spanish politicians

From William Chislett Madrid, Jan 31

The underground militant The underground miniant organization, Grapo, threatened today in a printed leaflet sent to the Madrid correspondent of *The Times* and some other foreign correspondents to kidnap more Spanish politicians.

The leaflet, assuming that it was legitimate, was sent by the First of October Anti-fascist Resistance Group which has claimed responsibility for kidnapping two high-ranking politicians and killing three policemen. It said that unless the Government released 15 political activists, "we shall continue to cantinue regime pertinue to capture regime per-sonalities, for there is no other way of making them listen to

ment had launched a campaign ment had launched a campaign of lies against the organization in order to confuse the public. It was not true, as had been suggested, that Grapo was "manipulated by the extreme right" or by the secret services of the superpowers. There has been speculation that the KGB or the CIA might be involved, so confusing is the issue. ing is the issue.

The leaflet, delivered in the morning's post, said that the reforms of the Suarez Government were intended to "pre-serve the domination of the financial oligarchy and keep intact all the essential appar-atus of the fascist power". The only difference now, said Grapo, was that groups which previously were persecuted were now able to take part in the change. The letter was posted on Saturday night and the postmark was not legible.

Grapo implicitly criticized Senor Santiago Carrillo, the secretary general of the Spanish Communist Party, for going along with the reforms and said that he had even asked for an audience with King Juan Carlos.

The reforms could nothing to improve the lot of the people and were aimed at paralyzing the struggle of the masses.".

Referring to the Spanish extreme right, Grapo said that those people who for many years were the regime's ultrayears were the regime's ultras were now putting themselves forward as "democraty", without whom democracy could not be achieved. "They are the extreme right, fascism," the message said, naming Senor Suarez, the King and Senor Jose Maria de Areilza, the former Foreign Minister, among others. mong others.

"With the aim of distracting attention, the Government pretends that the only extreme rightists are the gangs of gunmen of Christ the King or New Force." The Warriors of Christ the King and New Force are two right-wing extremist groups, some of whose members have been called in for questioning by the police in the wake of the violence.

Polce have arrested more than 200 people, most of them members of extreme left members of extreme left organizations like the Maoist Workers' Party, although no official statement has been made. The extreme left complained today that the present situation is being used as an excuse to suppress them.

It was learnt today that Naval Captain Camilo Menendez Vives, who shouted criti-cism of the Government at Saturday's funeral for the three shot policemen has been placed under house arrest.

EEC ministers' London talks end early

The conference of EEC foreign ministers in London, which had been due to last which had been due to last two days, finished last night after only one day. But Mr Crosland, the Foreign Secretary, announcing this, said the early end was "certainly not a sign of failure".

The conference was the first in a series which will be taking place in London under the chairmanship of Britain, which holds the presidency of the European Council for the first six months of the year.

Mr Roy Jenkins, the President of the European Commission, also attended the conference at Lancaster House. There was no formal agenda, but the main topic was European security, including the Community's common front which is to be adopted at the Belgrade conference later this year to review progress under the Helsinki agreement between the West and the Soviet Union.



designing the centre, they deliberately avoided architec-The National Centre for Art and Culture, known as the Pompidou Centre for short, was launched on its controture, for our age has lost confidence in it—but not in technology. As such, it is symbolic of the times, whether one likes versial career this evening by it or not. And many people do President Giscard d'Estaing

The nautical simile is not inapt in the case of this extra-ordinary structure of metal and glass, supported by 150ft The building has already been condemned as an eyesore in much the same terms as steel columns linked by a criss-cross of trusses, and decked on the outside with a profusion of tubes and pipes. Eiffel's tower when it was erected. And many Parisians in past months have wondered when the steel scaffolding, which is part of the structure itself, would be taken down. It looks like some sort of

superianker anchored in-congruously in the heart of Paris, half way between Les Halles and the Marais, "Our Everything is colossal about the centre. The building itself is nearly 500ft long, and 130ft building", the architects have said, "has less in common with high. Its metal structure alone is twice as heavy as the Eiffel Tower. It cost 900m francs (£105m) to build, and will cost a skystraper than a liner." Because of its architecture, its scale, its cost, and its ambi-tions, the centre has been a 120m francs to run this year, a seventh of the total cultural

the twentieth century are brought together under one

ing them accessible to the

wider public through an inten-

sive programme of exhibitions,

lectures, demonstrations, dis-cussions, and experimentation,

under the guidance of an army

of artists and technicians.
The two architects, Renzo
Piano, an Italian, and Richard
Rogers, an Englishman, deliberately designed something

essentially functional. All the

plumbing, cables, air condition-ing and the escalators linking

the five floors are in plastic tubes which have been banished to the outside of the

building. Painted in bright colours, the tubes acceptuate

the powerhouse effect. The object was to provide on each

floor en unbroken space the size of two football fields.

Britain began making sub-

sidy payments to pig farmers

yesterday despite repeated warnings from Brussels that

such action would be illegal under EEC rules. The first

payments of the temporary sub-

sidy, worth £1m a week, are being made on pigs slaughtered

The subsidy was announced

less than a formight ago by Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agri-culture, Fisheries and Food, after months of protests from farmers and food processors

about unfair advantages enjoyed by EEC exporters of pigmeat

Mr Silkin acted to fend off

loss of jobs in British meat factories and to stop an in-

crease in slaughtering of breed-

to Britain.

By Our Agricultural

Britain pays pig subsidy

in defiance of EEC

subject of controversy long beaffairs budget. fore its opening. It was origin-ally conceived by President Pompidou, who had a predilec-Ir can accommodate 10,000 Played the organ. visitors at one time, without being crowded. The Museum of tion for contemporary art and deplored that Paris had no Modern and Contemporary Art. deplored that Paris had no museum worthy of it, such as the Guggenheim in New York. Then he thought of adding a vast modern library to it, and special facilities for music, the thearre, and the cinema. Seven years ago, the decision to create the centre was taken. The upshot is the largest artistic and cultural power-house in the world, in which all the arts and techniques of the twentieth century are from Fauvism to the present day, one of its four main de-partments, with 17,000 square metres of floor space, puts the Museum of Modern Art in New York or the Stedelijk in Amsterdam in the shade. public information library is designed to house a million volumes. Some 1,000 people

At the museum, which attempts to break with tradi-tional conceptions of layout and display, 1,100 paintings and sculptures will be on show. This is three times as many as in the Palais de Tokyo, the old Museum of Modern Art, whose magnificent collections will be moved to the centre. Several hundred more paintings can be lowered from above by the visitor through a push-button

are permanently employed

The vast floor space is broken up by means of mobile parti-tions into areas of different size, according to the nature of works exposed. One original feature of the museum is an extensive documentation centre: books, periodicals, cata-logues of exhibitions, press cut-

the European Commission in

Brussels about it afterwards.

Protests have been received in Brussels from Denmark, Hol-

land and Ireland, the leading

EEC food exporters which rely on the British market for dis-

posal of their surplus pigs.
The Commission has given

the British Government until

Friday to enswer a charge of breaking EEC rules about fair

rules payments of the subsidy,

worth 50p a score (20lb) or about £3.50 a pig should be suspended while the case is

examined.
Mr Silkin, who calls himself
an "unrepentant anti-Marke-

teer", thinks the payments are

justified because the plight of

the British pig industry has been caused by anomalous and unfair calculation of compensa-

tory payments. That allows ex-

ports of processed pig to Britain to sell at uneconomi-

mpetition. Under Community

The architects say that in files on some 10,000 modern artists, will be avuilable to the

> Two shadows have been cast over the museum. The heirs of several artists, such as Rouault and Braque, have opposed the transfer of their vorks from the Palais de Toky, and some American artists have decided to withdraw their contributions protest again t the freeing of Abu Daoud, the Palestinian leader. But the e difficulties are apparently about to be

Like the museum, the library is bound to be a success.

More controve sial are the
the other two departments. The Music and Acoustics Research Centre directed by Pierre Boulez, occupies 8,000 square metres of offices, studios, and laboratories under the vast piazza between the centre and the old Gothic church of St where

The object of the Ircam, as is called, is to promote indamental research and fundamental * creation by means of the most advanced electronic equipment has a concert hall seating 400, with adjustable floor and ceiling to alter the acoustic effects.

Equally controversial is the Industrial Creation Centre set up 10 years ago and moved to the new building. It is intended to stimulate creation in architecture, town planning, design and the graphic arts, and to improve the aesthetic quality of manutactured goods

It has often in the past been used as a piatform for the cen-demnation and rejection of what some call the "dominant culture". One of its gadgets will be an X-ray machine which will enable pregnant women to see their child move on a

The gamble of the centre is twofold. Will it succeed in giving back to Paris a leader-ship in contemporary art and London, and then to New York? And will it really fulfill President Pompidou's wish for "a great house of culture where those who are not used logues of exhibitions, press cut- to entering a museum. a tings, colour slides and film theatre or a library, could do material, as well as individual so without difficulty?

Miners join

wave of strikers

Lack of quorum cuts | | gc'| short Oporto congre in prov

Lisbon, Jan 31
Portugal's governing Socialist Party was last night ist congress was party obliged to abandon for lack of pline, especially tooin a quorum a special national party line in public. Dr congress summoned to righten discipline and revise party stat-

delegates reflected the frustra-tions of a day of wrangles and procedural confusion which not even the last minute intervention of Dr Soares, the Prime Minister and secretary general of the party, could overcome. Animonious debates had pixed his lieutenants on the party secretariat against left-wingers led by Senhor Antonio Lopes Cardoso, the former Agriculture Minister, who staged a comeback at this one-day Oporto congress. Yesterday proved a bad day

Yesterday proved a bad day for Dr Soares. The communists signalled with the launching of a Portuguese General Confederation of Labour that they control the big battalions of organized workers and Dr Francisco Sa Carneiro, the Social Democrat leader, judged the moment ripe for his sharpest attack yet on the minority Government. The Socialists have only 105 of the 263 seats in Parliament.

have only 105 of the 263 seats policy differences. In Parliament.

Ar a fival congress of his Movember, the left mustered only 25 per party just outside Oporto, Dr the vote. Worries about guese people that they "are democratic party, coup paying very dearly for the last week's expulsion permanent subterfuges adopted prominent members () to permit a Government lack-ing majority backing to con-tinue in office ".

After chiticizing the handling of the economic crisis, including foreign loans used merely to cover running deficiencies delegate in the opening and restricting private enter provoking protests f prise. Dr. Sa Carneiro proposed that the Socialists work out an agreement for a government it was suggested that He did not specify whether he should go to envisaged a coalition or not national council,

cisco Salgado Zenha party's leader in Pari iscipline and revise party stat-tes.

The absence of sufficient affected all European s elegates reflected the frustra-ions of a day of wrangles and procedural confusion which those who disagreed to procedural confusion which the parties in Portugal." parties in Portugal In a confused situate party leadership apparer

its way on the issue.] attempt to ram thron new statutes in one d out of 85 approved ba the left-wingers obtain against 330 backing the ship. More than 900 d should have gone to Op

two deputies, all lab "Trotskylte infiltrator only aggravated the ary problem. The party leaders down four minutes i

Communist leader wins support for austerity

From Peter Nichols Rome, Jan 31

The week that should bring final approval of the Government's full austerity programme began today amid a general feeling that Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the Communist leader, had convinced the Milan workers of the merits of such a policy. such a policy. He addressed some 2,000 Com-

munist representatives vester-day from the factories of Lombardy, putting his case for sacrifices today as a step towards a new society. His speech was frequently interrupted by applause and concluded with cries of "Enrico, Enrico" from workers thought to have been wary of the party's support for a genuine austerity programme. Berlinguer placed a great deal of importance on his reception in Milan. He can hardly have foreseen the amazingly favourable reporting of his perform-ance in the non-Communist

Berlinguer spoke for a little tion of Industry and the less than an hour", according to the account in the Turin La Stampa. "This man who is not small, to bring down born an orator, displayed a costs. In what other Ciceronian fluency, combined with the intensity of a Demosthenes, counterpointed con-tinuously with dramatic over-tones and ironic shafts." Clearly, on this form, even if he had Italy's ability to eme been reading the telephone the crisis, implicit in directory, Signor Berlinguer was saying is continue would have had the audience standing between it.

before he spoke, His a were chosen both t objections that he had-too friendly towar Christian Democrats. government he sipply parliamentary abstenti to provide a new basic latent enthusiasm. followers,

He argued that the be no going back and next objective must advance from indirect of a minority Govern membership of a gor of national unity. The had to be reinforced b with its most urgent inflation, he said, worst evil facing the He put his listeners guard against the that labour costs were. which were rooted chaotic expansion of the unions had dened the threshold ments against excession

He praised the rece ment between the C by which the unions t give up something Signor Berlinguer as the representatives An essential ele Italy's ability to ente

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in France Paris, Jan 31.—Coal miners in France began a 24-hour national strike today to support

their claim for a two per cent rise in the real value of their The strike is the latest in a

series of stoppages by French unions in protest at the Gov-ernment's austerity measures, which would peg wage rises to the increase in the cost of living.

Today's strike comes after the

breakdown of talks between the union and the management after the Government's refusal to sanction a two per cent rise Union officials in Lille, northeast France, reported that only 116 miners out of a total of 7,660 had turned up for work in the area Tomorrow, electricity and gas workers go on strike and on February 9 Paris public transport workers plan to stop work. Last week, the railways were hit by protest

EEC agriculture policy From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Jan 31 The slow-moving negotiations strongly for economic between the EEC and Greece on sions and less convin

the latter's application to join the Community were resumed here today at the second here today at the second monthly meeting of Greek and EEC ambassadors. It was the first meeting since the re-shuffle earlier this month of the Greek negotiating team. The Greek Government has

heen showing signs of concern recently that its own negotiations could become embroiled with, and thus delayed by, the applications for membership exnected from Portugal in the next few months and possibly from Spain before the end of the Last week the Greeks sought,

and were given an assurance from Sir Donald Maitland, the president of the Brussels com-mittee of EEC ambassadors, that their application would continue to be treated separately from any others that might follow. This appears to have assuaged Greek auxieties for the time

If the Greeks are inclined to attribute the slow pace of the negotiations to waning enthusiasm for their membership among the Nine it is equally true that the Athens Govern-ment itself has been hampered by divisions of opinion over what negotiating factics to

pursue. Earlier this month Mr Nikolaos Kyriazidis was re placed at the head of the Greek team by Mr Byron Theodoropoulos, General Secretary at the

of industrial goods cerned, the Greeks that among other this wanted to be able to dismantling of triffs. tain sensitive product longer period than the five-year transitions. Turning to the EEC's commitments, the Gre they could only accept implications of the pri-trading arrangements munity had conclud terranean region after five years of transitio. The Greeks were all stood to have expresse that their ability astion into the EEC's sources" system of the contributions even by of the five year periods

Dog rescues skier

Chandolin, Switzerland, Jan 31. -A Belgian skier, Mr Peter Draps, aged 23, buried for two hours under an avalanche near here was found alive and well by a tracker dog flown in by helicopter.—Reuter. system is based on reve my duties, farm tax. Safe route for fro

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Luxembourg Innspecially designed on
frogs and hedgehogs
built under one of the
country roads of hun
after protests abe
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Bonn's unenvied trouble-shooter for Berlin be the "manager"

ing pigs. He consulted the ports of proce Treasury in London before in-Britain to sell troducing the subsidy and told cally low prices.

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Berlin, Jan 31

Tomorrow Herr Dietrich Spangenberg will become the plenipotentiary of the Bonn Government in Berlin, and in this capacity he will be in close contact with the city's Senate and the ministers of the three Western powers. In addition, he has been appointed Under Secretary of State in the Federal Ministry for Inner-German

Relations in Bonn. At a time of renewed tension between the two German states, Herr Spangenberg will have the complex task of coordinating the policies concerning inner-German relations and Berlin. Herr Spangenberg's is not an enviable position. Lack of co-ordination has had strong bear-

ing on decisions in these spheres in the past. Attempts

at concentrating all decision-

lery failed in the past. lor, has had to give up the idea of abolishing the Federal Ministry for Inner German Relations because of strong opposition by Herr Hans-Dietrich Gen-

scher, the Free Democrat Foreign Minister. In the early years of the Federal Republic this ministry then called Federal Ministry tor All-German Affairs—was in charge of policies related to all of Germany. This is no more

It does, however, still prepare important studies for the Chancellery, and it deals with the release of West German prisoners from East German jails and helps to reunite

Now Herr Spangenberg will

ministry and work under Herr was called up in 1942. In con-They failed again after the Egon Franke, the minister in nexion with the 1944 plot desk in the Federal Chan-cellery where he will work with Herr Jürgen Wischnewski, his minister. the man in charge of policies related to Berlin and East Germany He will also have to keep

in close touch with the Govern-ing Mayor of Berlin and the West German representative in the Vierergruppe composed of officials of the three Western spokesman for the students, powers and the Bonn Governthen head of the Senate's Insti-

Herr Spangenberg said, pointing to the physical strain of having to spend every week three days in Bonn and the rest in Berlin.

"Ir will be a difficult job",

in Berlin.

Herr Spangenberg was mann were "a grand school born in Mecklenburg on June for me", Herr Spangenberg 25, 1922. He had to interrupt stated.

last elections, and Herr charge. He will also have a against Hitler, he was sent to Schmidt, the Federal Chancel desk in the Federal Chan the notorious Penal Battalion the notorious Penal Battalion 999, where he met Herr Franke, He was taken prisoner by the Soviet Army but resumed his studies at the East Berlin University in 1947. However,

he gave up his studies again on joining the Founding Com-mittee of the Free University in West Berlin. He became tute for Political Education and chief of the Senate's Chancellery. Under the late President

Reinemann he was in charge of the presidential office. The

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ort Oporto Vashington warns Mr Ian Smith --- oet no US help trying to prevent majority rule

United States told the "under no circums can they count on any of American assistance". in trying to prevent alist leaders from their al negotiations.

Cyrus Vance, Secretary of opened his first news conhere with a statement warned Rhodesians about mith's proposed alterna-egotiations with moderate leaders inside Rhodesia e so-called internal soluill not produce a peaceful nem and therefore will ave the support of the I States", he declared.

only reiterates the (and Ford) Administraers from southern Africa ek suggesting that people looking to the United for help since Mr Smith's on of Mr Richard's protion at the highest level, of the President. Vance's prepared state-

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will not have the support of the United States.

"To reemphasize our opposition to the maintenance of minority-imposed control of the Government of Rhodesia, this Administration will strongly support the repeal of the Byrd Amendment. We do this in conformity with our international obligations, and also because we believe it represents a step towards a peaceful settlement in Rhodesia. We coll on all the parties to act with flexibility and restraint and to give their support restraint and to give their support to a negotiated solution that can bring both peace and majority rule to Rhodesia."

This amendment, which carries the name of Senator Harry Byrd, permits the United States to import chrome from Rhodesia purportedly to maintain its overflowing strategic

It violates the United Nations sanctions against Rhodesia and successive administrations have been opposed to it. The difference now is that the Carter Administration will actively

lobby for its repeal.

Mr Vance suggested that South Africa could now play a very important role". He was answering a questioner who asked Mr Vance if he shared the view that putting pressure on South Africa was the quickest means of bringing about movement by Rhodesia. Mr Vance did not demur. He answered: "I think that South Africa can play a very important role in this area. We have

been in constant communication with the South Airicans and will continue to do so.' He was pressed to say whether he agreed with the view advanced by Mr Andrew Young—the black politician sworn in yesterday as new American permanent represen-tative at the United Nationsthat Rhodesia would have to negotiate if South Africa said so. In reply Mr Vance observed softly: "I don't really

think it's quite that simple." The Secretary of State said that he would not consider sending a personal emissary to the white regimes of southern

beginning tomorrow to the black "frontline" countries, whose leaders he is to meet during the Tanzanian independence celebrations in Dar es Salaam.

Mr Vance may be devoid of Dr Kissinger's rhetorical dialectics but he speaks plain enough English and he was blunt across the board today. He also managed not to mention a word about Vice-President Mondale's trip to the allies this past week. but that may be because no one

Mr Vance announced that he will make his own second foreign trip, to Moscow, in March (his first is to the Middle East in two weeks time). He said he did not believe there been any "negative impact" on negotiating prospects with the Soviet Union as a result of the State Department's statement last week deploring Soviet treatment of Dr

He added that he did not share Dr Kissinger's view that such public reproof *counterproductive *, although he admitted that Mr Dobrynia, the Sovier Ambassador here. had been if to complain about

President Carter commented yesterday that both he and Mr Vance had been unaware that the Sakharov statement had been issued Such public statements should in future come from the highest level. Mr Vance stated today that policy would be to continue speaking out "about injustice both at home and abroad", but without being "strident or polemical". The Secretary of State said

it was necessary to seize the hour of upderation in the Middle East He looked to a resumption of the Geneva conference this year, lest hopes subside and lead again to "all kinds of disruptive factors". The reason for his visit to the Middle East was to get the process started and he intended inviting Middle East leaders to Washington afterwards.



M and Mme Pierre Claustre in Tripoli yesterday after their release by Chad rebels.

Frenchwoman thanks Col Gaddafi for release

Paris, Jan 31

A special aircraft was dispatched to Tripoli today to pick up Mme Françoise Claustre, the French archaeologist, who had been held tostage for 33 months by Tubu rebels in the Tibesti desert of Chad and was released yesterday after the personal intervention of Colonel Gaddafi of Libya.

He telephoned President Giscard d'Estaing last night to say that Mme Claustre and her husband, M Pierre Claustre, who was also held by the rebels after trying to negotiate her release, had both arrived in Tripoli. The aircraft sent from Paris carried Mme Claustre's mother, and other close relatives, to greet her.

The kidnapping has been a highly explosive diplomatic and political issue for the past two Public opinion stirred by reports and interviews in French newspapers and on television describing the fate of the Claustres and the coudition of their retention.

of mishandling the long and involved negotiations for her re-lease and of sacrificing her to its special relations with Chad. The Chad Government obstructed the Tubus' demands for money, arms and equipment in exchange for Mme Claustre, because this would strengthen the rebellion.

succession of French special envoys went to nego-tiate with the rebels and one of them handed 4m francs (£500,000) to Hissen Habre, who was then the rebel leader, but things dragged on. The change of regime at Ndjamena, the Chad capital, in April, 1975, and the deterioration of relations with Paris caused further delays.

prospects for Mme brightened, however, Claustre with the overthrow of Hissen Habre last autumn by his deputy.

President Giscard d'Estaing approached Colonel Gaddafi to request him to act as mediator between the French Government and the rebels, whom he

Chad Liberation Front through a French photographer in photographer Tripoli today said the release was a "humanitarian gesture", freely decided on. The statement attacked the French Government for supporting the "retrograde and dictatorial regime of Ndjamena". It also praised Mme Claustre for "heroic courage and exemplary

patience in sometimes difficult; circumstances ". Three French technicians

who were captured two weeks ago by unidentified guerrillas while working on realignment of the railway line between Brazzaville and the coast were also released today, the Elysée Palace announced. The three men were believed to have been taken as hostages by fighters of the Liberation Front of Cabinda, the enclave at the mouth of the Congo river claimed by Angola.

It is thought possible in Paris that the announcement of the

relations between Paris and Luanda, which emphasized res-pect for the "territorial integ-rity" of the two countries, an obvious reference to Angolan sovereignty over the enclave. was instrumental in their

Tripoli, Jan 31.—Mme Claustre today thanked Colonel Gaddafi for helping to secure

her release. The Arab Revolutionary News Agency of Libya said Mme Claustre and her husband met Colonel Gaddafi at command

headquarters in Tripoli, accom-panied by the leader of the Chad rebels, identified only as "Mr Coconi". Colonel Gaddafi told Mme Claustre that her release deming "kindness to women, children and the handicapped." He

praised "the whole command of the Chad revolution for their or the Chair revolution for their noble cooperation with the efforts of the Libyan Arab Republic, which led to the re-lease of Mme Claustre and her

Israel seeks border pact to avoid crisis

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Jan 31 Mr Allon, the Israeli Foreign Minister, today proposed a limited forces arrangement on the Lebanese border to avert a possible crisis.

Touring the border this morning, he told journalists that the penetration by a Syrian infantry battalion to Nabattya close to Israeli border settlements could lead to a crisis, but Israel would prefer a political and diplomatic solution.

diplomatic solution.

He declined to say how long the Israelis would wait for the Syrians to pull back to their previous positions and what action Israel would take if they are the back to their previous positions and what action is the back to their previous positions and what action is the back to the b did not, but he said: "We have the moral right and the military strength to guarantee Israel's security along the Lebanese

Mr Allon said Israel did not object to Lebanese military forces across the border, but the deployment of non-Lebanese would convert southern Lebanon into a confrontation area. There should be an agreement stating how close to the border non-Lebanese forces such as the Syrians might deploy.

Such an arrangement he said.

could be reached through "mutual signals" as in the case of Jordan or by an agreement as with Egypt and Syria. Mr Allon spoke amidst specu-

lation that the forthcoming visit of Mr Vance, the new American Secretary of State, will offer an opportunity for Syria to save face by amouncing a puliback as a gesture to the visitor.

Peter Strafford writes from New York: Dr Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General was leaving for the Middle East today in a new attempt to get Israel and the Arabs together in Cairo on Wednesday. In a television interview be-

illusions about the difficulties he faced. But if there was no breakthrough in the negotiating process this year, there could be another Middle East war in

ensorship power for **African President**

vicholas Ashford

esburg, Jan 31 South African President e given wide powers to warrime-type censor-the event of renewed ks of internal unrest, Bill published in Partoday. The Bill, which cted to become law this would allow the authorijournalists as well as on

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W. Botha, the Minister w. bottla, the Minister uce, said tonight that censorship regulations mly apply where the orces were brought in with internal unrest. mld not apply where police were involved. et, last week Mr James the Minister of Police, d reports that he was d reports that he was ing legislation which arb press reporting of zious. He said he bad something similar to ing Defence Act Regu-which prevent the re-

porting of troop movements in

South Africa.
The Defence Amendment Bill is the third piece of security legislation to have been intro-duced since Parliament resumed last week which is directly related to last year's riors in the black townships. The others the Minister of Defence to declare a three-month state of emergency during riots and a Bill to indemnify the South African authorities against civil or criminal proceedings for actions taken during last year's

Bill introduced Another today extends the scope of the country's "perty apartheid" regulations, which would seem to go counter to recent Government policy of modifying some of its segregationist laws. The reservation of Public Amenities Amendment Bill

gives legal sanction to the segregation of thearres, public swimming pools, lakes and rivers. Penalties for violation of the law are increased from mouths' imprisonment to £330 or six months' imprisonment. The Bill adds to the defini-

"land", which already shore, "any lake, dam, river or pond". Meanwhile, pupils in Cape Town's three black townships

boycotted classes again today in protest over the detention last week of 32 members of the "Comrades" movement, an activist student organization. Attendance at some schools dropped to nil and at others only a handful of students turned up.

The boycott, which was decided at a mass meeting in Guguletn township last night, has reversed the trend to night class attendance in recent

Gloomy end to Richard African tour

Lusaka, Jan 31.--Mr Ivor Richard, the British negotiator, ended his month-long shuttle tour of southern Africa today, with no firm indication of how efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement in Rhodesia could be revived.

Sources delegation said that greater participation by the States in peace moves and South African pressure on Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, could be part of a new initiative. Mr Richard had no definite plans however, for resuming his mission, which was aimed at restarting the Geneva conference on Rhodesia.

The sources said he appeared to be pessimistic about the chances of a quick Anglo-American breakthrough and to be leaving Africa a dis-appointed man.

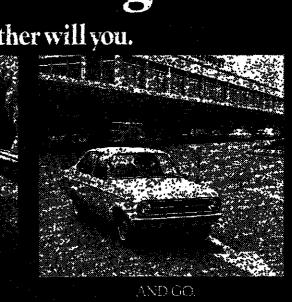
Mr Richard held final talks with black African politicians here today against a background of growing militancy on the Rhodesia issue.

He met Mr William Eteki-Mboumoua, secretary-general of the Organization of African Unity and had arranged to see President Kaunda later today before returning to London to-morrow. He is to meet Mr Crosland, the Foreign Secre-tary, and Mr Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations on Wednesday

Both Mr Crosland and Mr but British delegation sources here said Mr Richard did not think either visit would break the deadlock on Rhodesia. Mr Richard's mission, which took him to seven countries, collapsed when Mr Smith rejected his settlement terms a week ago, and the Patriotic Front, alliance or Mr Robert Mugabe and Mr Joshua Nkomo



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also made it clear that ts in Egypt were to report on President d his family with "a of respect" and hat Mr Hirst had been "downright libel" in age of the food riots

were, however, more t aspects to Mr Morsi al-Din's reasonably confrontation with the ress than the case of led correspondent. very serious matter. "No country can afford to have somebody who is insistent on sending misinformation about that country", he said. "When it reached the stage of personalities—not facts—something had

to be done."
Mr Saad al-Din read some extracts from Mr Hirst's recent dispatches, most of which referred to allegations that Mrs Jihan Sadat had displayed osten-tatious wealth and that the Gov-ernment was involved in corruption. Correspondents were invited to comment on these dispatches and to say whether they believed them to be accu-

The journalists present refused to do so on the grounds that a reporter sends a dispatch on his own responsibility. One American correspondent pointed out to Mr Saad al-Din that Mr Hirst was now being accused in the Egyptian press of "consorting with subver-sives", of writing on behalf of the Israelis and of being "under police investigation ". One long article in the Cairo newspaper Al Akhbar referred to Mr Hirst

as a Jew pen . The question of the legality of the expulsion was brought up by Mir Henry Tanner of The New York Times, "No correspondent in any country", he said, "will easily accept the instification of the massures. Egypt and that press was encouraged by the

" with a poisonous

If David Hirst or any of us

violate a law of Egypt, let us be responsible under that law. None of us claims to be above the law. But what the Egyptian Government has chosen to do is an extra-legal measure. You could have sued him. He could then have counter-sued those people who are writing in the Egyptian press that he is a Jew, which he is not."

Mr Saad al Din was asked if the real problem was not an unspoken "taboo" which was meant to prevent personal criticism of the head of state.

"Lèse majesté", Mr Saad al-Din replied, was an expression invented in England. "Maybe you are more civilized than we

are . . . but we still believe in ethics-we respect people." He agreed that copies of The Guardian had not been allowed into Cairo last week but foreign correspondents had be furious at the articles which had appeared in the Egyptian press about Mr Hirst. Overseas journalists should remember, he said, that free-dom of the press in Egypt was only four years old.

Mr Hirst's expulsion repre sented no threat to other foreign correspondents, Mr Saad al-Din said, adding of Mr Hirst: "I would like to see him back. Maybe it was a failure of my department not

OVERSEAS_

Japanese dampen US hopes of joint anti-recession moves

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Jan 31

Dampening hopes that advanced industrialized nations will take urgent steps to stimulate the world's economy, Mr Takeo Fukada, the Japanese Prime Minister, warned Mr Walter Mondale, the warned Mr Water Mondale, the American Vice-President, in Tokyo today that Japan's fiscal plans for recovery might be thwarted because the ruling party no longer controls the powerful parliamentary budget-

The warning apparently disappointed Mr Mondale, who arrived in Tokyo from Europe yesterday with a message that President Carter highly President Carter highly appreciates" Japan's new draft budget which is designed to provide the country with the highest growth rate among advanced industrialized nations

However, the Japanese Prime Minister warned Mr Mondale that, after last month's elec-tions, the Opposition can water down the Government's econ-

omic programmes.

Mr Fukada's somewhat pessimistic analysis of the progress of Japan's new steps to stimulate economic growth was conveyed to Mr Mondale when they met at the Prime they met at the Prime Ministers official residence this afternoon for an initial round of talks. They will meet again tomorrow and today they agreed that Mr Fukada will visit the United States to see Mr Carter

Reiterating President Carter's treed that the United States, Western Europe and Japan should take decisivie steps to pull the world out of its American troops from South economic recession, Mr Mon-

thurst dale told Mr Fukada that he hopes Japan will achieve its target of a growth rate of 6.7 per cent during the next fiscal

Under all the theories which have governed Japan's precise economic projections in the past, Mr Fukuda's draft budget —which provides for a 21 per cent increase in spending on public works as the main stimu-lus for growth—should achieve the set target.

However, as Mr Fukuda appa-rently explained to Mr Mondale

today, the political realities in the Diet could affect this. The Liberal Democratic Party now controls a slim majority in the Lower House of Parliament but it has lost effective control over the House's budgetary commit-

parties, which advocate tax cuts of about £2,000m, against the Government's proposed £854m, have the power to forestall the draft budget.

At the conclusion of this forestall the draft budget.

afternoon's meeting, Mr Mon-dale said: "We discussed the internal economic policies of both countries with the aim of stimulating the world's economic growth. We also dealt with the timing, location and agenda of the proposed summit of advanced nations, the multilateral trade negotiation talks and the importance of increasing the pace of those talks, lean mg towards a new Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) agreement."

At their meeting tomorrow

American troops from South

Cold kills 54 in US and lays off 1.5m workers

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Jau 31

The death toll has risen to at least 54 as bitterly cold weather continues over most of the eastern United States. More than 1,500,000 people are esti-mated to have been laid off mared to have been laid off work in attempts to conserve dwindling supplies of natural gas, and thousands of offices, factories and schools have been

Buffalo, in western New York state, is the area that has been hardest hit, as a result of the blizzard which struck it last Friday night. Many of its streets have been blocked by huge snowdrifts, with cars buried inside them, and all but emergency travel has been banned as efforts continue to clear them.

clear them.

Many of the deaths of the past few days have been the result of people being caught in stalled cars or else suffering from exposure while trying to reach safety. In Bufalo, seven bodies have been found in cars, and officials, exist there were and officials said they were afraid they would find more. As a result of the emergency

measures taken to save gas, the immediate threat was thought by federal officials to be over. Plans for cutting off supplies to people's homes were shelved. Millions of adults and children were estimated to be staying at home on a coult of the closing. home as a result of the closing down of schools and businesses. In Washington, Congress met today to consider the emergency legislation proposed by President Carter, designed to ensure that natural gas is costributed to the areas that

Pressure for changed US attitude to Latin America

Dialogue with Cuba and new canal treaty with Panama sought

From Peter Strafford New York, Jan 31

Americans are trying to work out a new approach to the per-petual and tangled problem of petual and tangled proteem of their relations with Latin America. An influential group, sponsored by the Centre for Inter-American Relations in New York, has just published a series of recommendations for the Carter Administration to

Presenting the report, Mr Sol Linowitz, a former American representative at the Organization of American States (OAS), said he hoped the Administra-tion would make a new effort. Past administrations had caused resentment in Latin America because they had produced some fine slogans, but not gone much beyond them.

He thought, however, that President Carter had a personal interest in Latin America.

One of the first things to be done, Mr Linowitz said, was to rights. negotiate a new canal treaty In g with Panama. This is an issue which arouses strong feelings in the United States; but the report emphasizes that it is also a dangerous one at the international level, and one on which the United States is isolated from its closest allies.

The report states: "The United States does not need nor exclusive jurisdiction over

Candidates in

of intimidation From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, Jan 31

The unopposed election of candidates from the ruling

People's Party was challenged before the Election Commission

be candidates or their legal re-presentatives crowded the Elec-

petitions claiming that at nomination time they had either

been forcibly restrained, kid-napped or intimidated to pre-

vent the filing of their nomina-

Among candidates unofficially declared reelected without

contest are Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister, and all four Chief Ministers of the provinces of Sind, Punjab, Baluchistan and the North West Frontier.

Many would-be candidates

sought protection against the

police or local authorities. Com-

plainants have until Saturday next to lodge evidence in sup-port of their allegations.

From Our Correspondent Colombo, Jan 31 The Sri Lanka Government

today lifted press censorship

which was introduced on Jan-

uary 10 during a wave of strikes. The lifting of censor-

ship has started speculation that

Parliament may be dissolved

shortly, before its term ends on

May 22.

There is also considerable speculation about whether the six MPs of the pro-Moscow Communist Party will continue to

support the coalition Govern-

ment. Trade unions controlled by the party joined opposition parties in the strikes and Mr Keuneman, the Communist Minister of Housing, has stayed away from Cabinet meetings and his minister office meetings

and his ministry office in recent

Sri Lanka ends

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tion papers.

Pakistan tell

Indeed, the greatest threat to maintaining an open canal is likely to come from nationalist

States share an essential interest in keeping the canal open, secure, and efficient. The best protection of our interests in Panama is not outmoded treaty language, but rather Panama's own vital interest in preserving its greatest national resource." Another emotional issue Is that of human rights and the growing trend in Latin America for repressive governments. The report recommends that the United States should make clear

it will not grant military aid ment to countries found to violate human rights. It should also try to avoid supporting with other forms of aid regimes which systematic-

ally and grossly violate human In general, the report argues, Americans should give up the notion that Latin America should be handled in terms of a "regional community" or a
"special relationship". Latin
America should be seen in
terms of relations with the

Third World as a whole. The United States should make a public pledge of its respect for the sovereignty of

the canal zone to protect its It should commit itself not to legitimate interest in the canal. undertake unilateral military intervention or covert intervention in their internal affairs. New efforts should be made

to find a way of eventually normalizing relations with Cuba. The report suggests that the United States should undertake to prevent terrorist actions against Cuba, and see whether Cuba was prepared to recipro-Washington should try to get

assurances from Cuba that it would release certain Americans held as political prisoners, with-draw its troops from Angola and undertake not to intervene elsewhere, and give up its inter-ference in Puerto Rican affairs. Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secrestatement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has in fact called for the release of both Cuban and American political prisoners still held in Cuba. He said such a move would be a serious indication that Cuba was interested in a dialogue with the United

States.

The report emphasizes that its authors see no imminent threat to American security from Larin America, and that there is no need for the sense of urgency shown by President Kennedy in 1961. But they see "latent opportunities" and hope that advantage will be taken of these.

Indonesia accused of mass murders in East Timor

Indonesian atrecities against the population of East Timor during the invasion of December, 1975, made the My Lai massacre look like a Lai massacre "look like a gentlemen's picnic", according to an Australian diplomat who to Rawalpindi today. A general election to the 200 National Assembly and 460 Provincial Assembly seats is due in March. About 150 aggrieved wouldhas just completed a lengthy series of interviews with refugees from the former Portu-guese colonial territory in Lis-

> Mr James Dunn, one of Canberra's leading experts on In-donesia, has interviewed 20 refugees individually and several hundred who preferred

The picture he has built up is one of cold-blooded mass executions, some of them with racial undertones, torture, loot-ing and rape. He also estab-lished deceit in Indonesia's treatment of United Nations

Indonesian forces invaded bodies were East Timor on December 7, 1975, after proclaiming publicly that they had no interest in annexing the area. The annexation decision was taken, amnexation decision was taken, according to Mr Dunn, by the Indonesian National Security Council during the second half of 1974. He named the architect of the campaign as General Ali-Murtopp.

One of the first of many mat further evidence of the instances of deliberate murder murder of five journalists, two of Chinese civilians came as of them British-born, the day the Indonesian forces occupied Dili, the capital. A group of about nine Chinese, dressed in their best suits, came out to greet the invaders, but they were machine gunned to death as they walked towards the

troops.

From bis interviews Mr Dunn estimates that about 500 Chinese died on the first day Chinese died on the first day of the fighting alone and that by the end of the main confrontation a year later about half of the Chinese population, or 7,000 people, had been killed. Total casualties were

about 100,000.

The names of the people interviewed could not be dis-closed because of the danger to relatives and friends left

bearers or drivers for Indone-sian officers, witnessed mass kilkings, including one as late as June of last year, in which an espinated 2,000 refugees were shot down But the best-documented

But the best-documented mass killing occurred the day after the occupation of Dili, when an Indonesian paratrooper was killed, probably by a Fretilin sniper, near the shop of a Chinese called Toko Lai. Indonesian troops immediately rounded up a group of civilians in the area and marched them down to the wharf. wharf.

They were lined up and shot, according to the brother of one of the victims, while a second group was made to call out the tally by the captain of the Indonesian unit as each counting stopped. Next day the body fell into the harbour. When the tally reached 59 the bodies were washed ashore close to the local bishop's

house.
Mr Dunn, who has been carrying out his investigation on behalf of a number of Australian church and non-govern-mental aid agencies, was interviewed by The Times as he passed through London on his way back home.

One witness gave the diploafter the invasion in the town of Balibo. The two British passport-holders who died were Mr Brian Peters, originally from Bristol, and Mr Malcohn Rennie, from the Glasgow area. Both worked for Channel Nine television in Sydney. All five were shot down as they held up their hands and shouted:

'Austrelian, Australian" at the advancing troops.

A Timorese bearer said that after the shooting he noticed that one of the men was not dead. He was lying on his side speaking into a tape-recorder. The bearer went over to switch off the tape-recorder, for a rea-son he does not now recall but the Indonesian soldiers waved him away and shot dead the journalist.

Shopping/Sheila Black

Bidding a temporary farewell to the man in my life, I said I was off to write about some sentimentalities for St Valentine's Day. Astoundingly, unpredictably, almost with the interest of one who really wanted to know, he asked when it was. I' vouchsafed February 14 but queried his interest since he has always been solely on the receiving end. "How do you know I've never sent you one?", he asked, since Valentine cards and gifts are always anonymous. I might have sent you He had me worried-there had been

times of anonymous cards which I had never, no never, attributed to him since his way of ensuring that I get what I like is to ask me to buy it for him to give to me. So I mattered something about anonymity being out of fashion only to be assured that he liked the custom. Which leaves me wondering whether, if I do get an anonymous Valentine this year, I should thank him for it or not although I do believe he probably will not send one after all.

There are so many legends about how this day got into the greetings card calendar. The most likely is that the Romans did not want to give up their February fertility revels, dancing in the streets in hectic worship of lusty, un-sentimental gods and goddesses. When Christianity took over in Rome, nobody stopped the feasts, but merely adopted as an excuse the man who had been a martyr to Christianity around 207 AD and who is supposed to have died on February 14. The anonymity may derive from the fact that many danced in masks and indulged in brief, festival love with other masked unknowns. The Victorians lavished velvet, silk, lace, fragrance and flowers on coy, gaudy but romantic cards, swearing purple passion that was respectable as long as the sender never declared himself—ladies could even express themself—ladies could even express them mity. Personally, I do not like not knowing from whom I get, and I like to give something that is so special between us that it could almost only be from me.

that it could almost only be from me.

At Spinks, the mecca of expeisive taste and antique collectors, I found sentimental cufflinks—would you have believed cufflinks at Spinks? They are miniature millefiori paperweights, colourful and enchanting, a conversation piece every time on her or his shirts, with 9-carat gold links. They cost £22 (Spinks will post anywhere). Personal shoppers will inevitably fall in love with full-size paperweights but, since I plan to write in some weights but, since I plan to write in some detail on them in a few weeks, I shall leave the discovery of these for the time being—prices are anything from £6 for good, new ones to £6,000 for antiques and all chosen by the expert on paperweights. Spink and Son is at King Street, St James's, London, SW1 (telephone 01-930 7888, 24-hour service).

At Halcyon Days, 14 Brook Street, off London's Hanover Square (or by post)

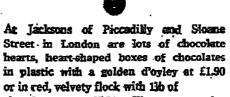
The fierce little cat with the pointed ears is a pendant for tigerish hims or hers. Its eyes are navette diamonds weighing a combined 2.40 carats set in oxydized white and yellow gold to simulate slightly evil cat colours. The chubbier, more aimiable cat has pear-shaped diamonds for eyes and its sights are 4.71 carats, set in oxydized white gold to give a darkish grey tint and to set off the coral nose which impacts a hint of humour to the cattiness. Both are on gold chains and you will need rather more than your loose change since they cost, respectively, £7,300 and £35,000. Postage is tree. A case of buying your love outright? Available from Garrard & Co.

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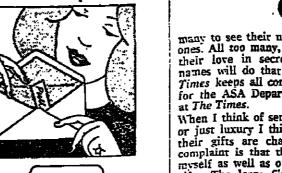


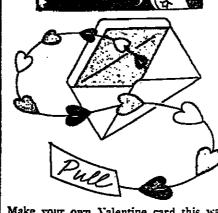
A quartet from Liberty where they are making rather a speciality of Valentine's Day with ivory hearts, brooch pierced with an arrow and a variety of linke heartshaped lockets. The red heart of translucent glycerine soap is fragrent and original, packaged in a mistily-filustrated, old-fashioned box that says "More than heartsfar here than heartsfar here they have been been a mistily-filustrated, old-fashioned box that says "More than heartsfar here they have been a mistily at the says "More than heartsfar here they have been been a mistily at the says "More than heartsfar here they have been been a says to be says to be a says to be say old-iastioned box that says name usan yesterday, less than tomorrow" in French and in English. The perfume is tea rose and a pair of pigeons nestle in a garland of flowers and lace. One tablet costs 75p, a box of three is a lovely gift at £2.25 and a box of five really lathers up your love at £3.95 (postage on the larger boxes is 45p but only 30p on the single cablet). The candle is a little red heart in a little red heart-shaped rin, sweerly amusing at 55p and just right for diner a deux.

The solid glass heart from Darnington has a bubbly look and I think this is very much a best buy at 95p. The locket I liked best of many lockets is a royal blue heart with a white, sketched posy and a blue velvet ribbon to tie it at the neck (£4.50). Add 30p postage for all but the heavier soaps, and send orders to Liberry and Co, Regent Street, London W1R 6AH,



chocolates at £5.20. There are also a couple of very original hearts. One is a dainty papier mâché box with little birds on it, nice for table top or dressing cable and costing £3.10 (20p postage). The other is a brass heart pendant, biggish for a pendant and on a leasher cord so that it is very much his or hers. The price is £3.80, postage is 55p.



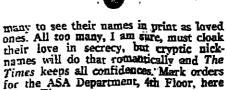


Make your own Valentine card this way. Buy red paper, preferably adhesive-backed but that is normally only easy from specialist paper shops, handicraft or chil-dren's school-type shops. You can manage with glue and plain red paper. Cut out the hearts and never mind if they are a trille irregular because these are from you, made by you and not reproduced on machines for anyone and everyone. Lay a line of hearts on the table, spaced about an inch apart and lay coloured yarn or contant along a hour and any coloured the space of the space and the space cotton along the centre of the hearts. Stick another heart firmly on to each to enclose the yarn and make sure the glue is set before picking up the line of hearts. Any he or she must love to get this one and it is ideal for the anonymous card.

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are the familiar but adorable little ename boxes of which production ceases or. February 28 (£14.50 each). Another Valentine enamel box by Crummles join the 1977 scene—raised gold on white for the lid and a choice of cobalt blue, heliotrope, pink or green for the base—\$15.77 at Harrods. Thos Goode, Formum and Mason, Zeili and Algernon Asprey as well as similar stockists out of London Crummles is at 2 Cromer Road, Poole Dorset.

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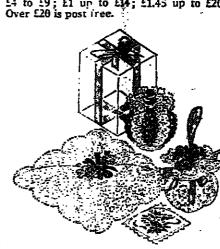
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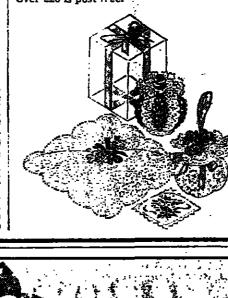
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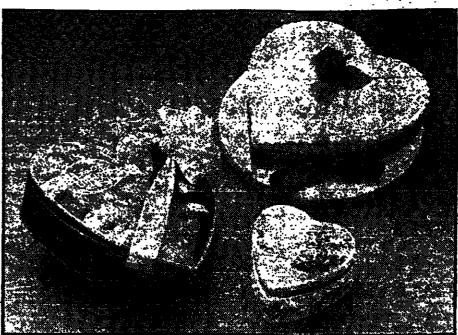
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Montserrat Caballé Covent Garden

William Mann

The special feature of Montserrat Caballe's recital at the Royal Opera House on Sunday was kept until her last group of songs. She had worked her way through some Handel arias, some coarsely and inelegantly, some delicately sung; then a group of Schuberr, much of it dumpily phrased, "Der Musensohn" submitted to bulldozer devastation by singer and pianist alike. pianist alike.

We all knew that she would woo and win her large audience in the second, Spanish half of the programme, but at the in-terval I for one wished that this gorgeous artist would select a recital repertory which reflects recital repertory water retects her musicianship outside the songs of her native land. She excels in Italian opera, so why does she not give us songs by Bellioi and Verdi, Pespighi an I Wolf-Ferrari, not to mention Giordano and the elder Scar-larti? The field is ample and

worth exploring.

The Spanish half arrived and Caballe predictably tetched out

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tones of gold and silver, pearl and diamond, the glowing half-voice and the resounding chest virtuoso runs

tpalely foreshadowed in her quite agreeable rendering of Handel's "O had I Jubal's lyre"), the irresistible sense of humour, light or heavy, the deliciously flexible way with rhythm and note-value whereby she makes us all hold our breath in suspense while she postpones the arrival of the

next strong beat.

It was easy, in these songs by Montsalvatge and Turina, to overlook the piano-playing of Nina Walker (a trial in the Handel and Schubert groups). Then came a group of songs from Spanish zarzuelas, the equivalent of operetta and musical comedy elsewhere, as delectable as Offenbach or Noel Coward but with a flavour of their own. For these Caballé brought on José de Udueta as obbligato castanet-player. He was once a Spanish dancer his partner Susana, converted me to the genre some 30 years ago), and remains a great actor who plays the castanets not only with his arms but his whole

person.

Caballé played in these songs, to and with him, allowing him to evoke the atmosphere, set the rhythm, and stun us with his bravura of nuance and tonecolour (he used diverse castanets made from a variety of materials, each with its own range of timbres). Then she would snatch the limelight with an unexpected, stupendous tone-colour, some sound of fantastic lustre, marvellously attacked and connected to a word or consonant, so that the duo changed hands and we were left enslaved by her artistry, brought on by him, no doubt. They gave many an encore, They gave many an encore, one involving a cadenza for soprano mimicked by castanets, as Lucia is by the solo fluto, not more cogently than here. I left after a lowgrade cabaret Spanish song unworthy of such an artist, sad that Caballé could stoop so low in thoice of repertory. But there was also a castanet solo by José that laid us all in the aisles by its panache and sensibility.

NPO/Groves Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths

With the Grieg piano concerto and Elgar's Edigma variations on the programme, Sunday's concert by the New Philhar-monia should have contained a fair dose of charm. Nor did the promise of a recent composition by Giles Swayne necessarily pose a threat, for Mr Swayne wrote his piece, Orlando's Music as a celebration and a song for the birth of his first child. In the event, there was as much lack of warmth inside the concert hall as outside, at least until the Elgar in the second half.

Mr Swayne's piece seemed distinctly more acid than it did at its premiere in Liverpool lmost exactly a year ago. Sir both that performance and Sunday's, appeared no less care-ful and sympathetic a midwife to this music of gestation and birth and yet the more raucous elements in the score gained

ground. In part this may have been ine to Mr Swavne's revisions. He has clarified his textures at some points and enlarged the wind section of his orchestra which remains without any percusion except a piano. For Sunday's impression of sourness an I dislocation, however, I am in lined to blame some insensitive playing from the orchestra, particularly the trumpets and

lins. Orlando's Music deserved b tter, if only a little better. is hardly a major achievenent, but as the composer's irst orchestral work, it does how skill in the handling of large forces. Perhaps its main fault is one of form. The frenetic opening section full of fan-fares and alarms, promises more than a gentle, repetitive lullaby, and the following porpourri of nursery rhymes is a bit flip for a finale. Such probletts of continuity and proportion will, one hopes, be sorted out in the symphony on which

Mr Swayne is working.

In the Grieg concerto the problem was one of scale. Ilana Vered played the solo part with a strength and pertinacity more appropriate to Rachmaninov, and even in the slow movement there was a glassy edge to her tone, lending unwelcome distance to what would otherwise have been ingratiating. Sir Charles and the orchestra could response only with bravado.

Basildon tribute to

Britten The Towngate Theatre. Basildon, is presenting its tribute to Benjamin Britten in the form of two concerts of his music by musicians with whom the composer was closely asso-

On Thursday the English Chamber Orchestra will be playing Britten's Simple Symphony and Variations on a theme of Frank Bridge, in a programme that also includes Bach's Concerto for Two Violins (with Jose Luis Garcia Joseph Froblich 2s s), Mozart's Divertimento in D major, K 136, and the European premiere of the Serenade for Oboe and String Orchestra by Anthony Halstead (soloist Neil Black).

and Osian Ellis are giving a concert of works for voice and harp. It includes Five Greek Folk Songs by Ravel. Three Harper's Songs by Schubert, Harp Sonata in D, by Parry, as well as songs by Purcell and Poulenc, and two pieces by Britten, the Harp Suite, written specially for Osian Ellis, and Birthday Honsel. a set of songs written for Peter Pears and Osian Ellis at the suggestion of the Queen to celebrate the Queen Mother's seventy-rifth birthday.

On February 12, Peter Pears

The Whitechapel Gallery gets going again

Richard Long: Wood Circle, 1977

clear similarity between the way the "pearlies" decorate their clothes and traditional peasant styles of ornament. Long's work could also be seen

as related to the cairns and earthworks of neolimic man.

Yet the distance is far greater between the primitive inhabi-

tames of Europe and a young

late-twentieth-century . English

sculptor, than between East

Enders at the end of the nineteenth century (when the pearly tradition began) and

labourers who were their fore-

The short, but still living,

tradition of the pearlies is

something immediately under-

standable to anyone. But it is not only for those who might come in unprepared from the Whitechapel High Street that

Richard Long's work needs

some kind of explanation or

introduction. Reviewing an exhibition by Long at the Arnolfini in Bristol before

Christmas (with another Dutch

artist, Jan Dibbets) I pointed out the difficulty of under-

standing a configuration of drift-wood—similar to one of

the works now at Whitechapel

without knowing that the wood was gathered from the banks of the Avon near Brunel's Clifton suspension bridge. Its

resonance depended on being

able to make that hink with the act of gathering the wood at a

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Essex

After being closed for a longish period in the summer and a shorter one at Christmas for renovation and redecoration, the Whitechapel Art Gallery has now reopened with what are in effect the first exhibi-tions planned by its new direc-tor, Nick Serota. Charles Harrison Townsend's fine art nouveau façade has been cleaned and the detailing of the stonework revealed. The blank wall on the third floor where Walter Crane's mosaic was planned to go looks rather barer than before, with its two perfunctorily punched windows which light the caretaker's flat.
These were added against
Townsend's wishes but no
doubt make life pleasanter for
the caretaker. That confrontation between Art and life is one that has cropped up again and again at the Whitechapel.

The clutter of screens (which, however, used to contain posters and information) has been removed from the foyer, revealing the marble undernearth. Repainted in pristing white and with Pichard Long's white and with Richard Long's spare sculptures of stone and wood stretched across the grey why finds, the effect in one of serene severity. In a curious way one is reminded of the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford. Not entirely surprising, as Nick Serota was its director before coming to the Whiterhappel He is a man of Whitechapel He is a man of determined integrity and firm ideas who is bound to impress his personality on anything he

Whitechapel of course is not Oxford. Outside is the wide, lowy-toru, fume-filled harsh-ness of Whitechapel High Street, not the pleasant narrow lane of Pembroke Street. Its immediate environs are Brick Lane, not the Broad; Commercial Road not Carfax. The sweat-shops of the rag-trade press closely upon it in a way that the car factories of Cowley do not on the Oxford Museum of Modern Art.

Long's sculpture is down-stairs. Upstairs is some even more difficult work by a young Dutch artist, Stanley Brouwn. Like Long, Brouwn is con-cerned with lines, walking, measuring out, but in a much more precise, conceptual and intellectually arid way. He lacks the lyrical romanticism implicit in Long's approach to landscape and exploring it, or materials are mostly pencil drawings, minimal maps and paper. Downstairs in the small gal-

lery, where the coffee bar has been moved from its former place by the entrance, is a display of photographs of Pearly Kings and Queens and some of their costumes in cases. Looked at objectively, I suppose, there is not really anything stranger in Richard Long collecting pieces of slate or driftwood and arranging them in configurations on the floor in configurations on the floor of a gallery than costertheir costumes. There is a Fathers and Families

BBC I (tonight)

Michael Ratcliffe

apparently polished, but wholly vague, style that we can watch

the first two plays right through without being abso-

lutely certain what John Malory

does for a living; but the

synopsis says he is a solicitor—

the device will become crucial to the introduction of other

fathers and their families later

emblematically, middle class.

tends to every character and department of both dramas, in-

ducing an effortless retention of

kicking vulgarity of Another

Bouquet, but even when you are least expecting it you can

somehow suff it out I smell it

here: the characters banter

archly and talk like people in

the Canadian, Karen Quinton,

had a more intimate relation-

ship with her instruments. A

double debut prevented me from hearing her Scriabin and Ginastera, but there was plenti-ful evidence of mercurial

fingerwork and a lively exploi-

studies by Morel, Rach-maninov, Liszt (after Paganini)

and Debussy—even if she could not quite contain herself within the Frenchman's predo-

minantly subdued dynamics.

As a musician her main test

came in Beethoven's late A flat

sonata. She was misenided to

take the fugue so fast, but

once definition of semiquavers

was clarified in the first move-

ment she played the greater

part of the work with real

understanding and commit-

The same Beethoven sonata

served as centrepiece for Peter

O'Hagan, who found a nobler

tempo for the figure in a read-

ing at once more rugged and less personal than Miss Quin-

ton's. This British pianist's un-

compromising directness and vigour stood Bach in good

stead in the G major French

(despite a hutried

ment.

Suite

tation of keyboard colour in

London debuts

Rach-

plays,

This lack of information ex-

In Nothing to Lose (tonight) Louise Matthews, an hysterical woman wearing what appears to be an old green garden party dress, calls on the Malorys to tell them that her husband, Charles, is living with their 18-year-old daughter, Joanne. The year-old daughter, Joanne. The agreeably Malory, whose own marriage is pretty bleak, talks separately to Joanne and Charles, but fails to part them. Louise, by taking a huge overdose, but surviving, is more successful, and Joanne returns home. "I wanted her to die! Fathers and Families is to be a sextet of loosely linked 75-minute plays by John Hopkins, with several characters recurring and one—a middle-class solicitor—in common throughout. It is characteristic of their

Oh, daddy, I'm so wicked." End of play. There are two important characters on the side. Of the disagreeable Sarah Malory we learn little more than that she is musical and prefers changing the records on a gramophone to investing in a cassette player, because that way she can tell where one piece ends and another begins (not that musion—and he is certainly, indeed cal. perhaps); and that she and John have only stayed together for the sake of Joanne and her disbelief. Artificiality is hard to define, unless it declares it-self openly with the awful, but younger sister. Don Bromeley sounds as if Dorothy if she doesn't believe a word she is saying, and when she implores "baby, come home" over the telephone to Joanne you feel she has never used the expres-sion in her life before. It is

mother gazing at cot, drinking wine with Mahler, wine with yoga, wine with Rock—way beyond snapping point. A little welling goes a long way, but a lot of welling is merely wet.

For the rest of the sequence simply not hers. to some sort of life a far more
Clare Cotterill is an old flame indulgent and devitalized script.

Joan Chissell Of the two pianlsts heard in and II " and protesting Proko- Pryma, and the way she held what amounted to a middling fiev. Bur Debussy's Estampes rather than exceptional week, the Condien Karen Quinter, finesse. Tone here needed men together without nination—no mean achievedominationfinesse. Tone here needed ment, since Richard Percy was more refinement and phrasing a supple rather than a forceful clarinettist. Intonation was a recurrent problem, especially for the cellist, Michael Nebe, For all its name, the Wilthough he conquered it and a helmi Duo (Kate Jacobs, viocertain tonal dryness when lin, and Roger Crocker, piano) emerging to sing tunes. In spite of their somewhat cautious response the Allegro con is homegrown and in fact pledged to the rescue of negbrio of the first movement, lected British works. Elgar's Beethoven's clearcut classicism in Op 11 suited them better than Brahms's clusive Op 114. sonata, Op 82, well repaid their trouble on this occasion, espe-

The week's solitary singer was the RAM-trained soprano. Susan Varley, sharing a Maisie Lewis Young Arrists' Fund recital with a non-debutant solo pianist. In eighteenth-century arias her pitch was less then obsolute, and in other ways, too, production in upper reaches did not sound effortless. But except for "Aimons, révous," a group of Rizet songs, révous," a group of Rizet songs showed the preminess of the light, mobile voice when com-fortably placed, and Miss Var-ley (helped by John Blakely) went on to win all hearts with her charm and style an seven unaccountably neglected early cabaret songs by Schoenberg. What a future in operetta this Courante and Gigue) no less vely prometted. I particularly composer could have than Messiaen in "He de feu, I admired the pignist, Irena Miss Varley may yet! composer could have had as

any one ever followed Long's trail and seen the raw "work"

cal public.

gallery itself.

Yet it is difficult to deny that there is a quality of visual poetry and a mysterious allure

from natural materials in the

likes background information

being given about his work, although at the Arnolfini a post card of a freighter passing along the Avon gorge and a related photograph on the wall near his driftwood piece

gave cryptic clues to the sculp-

ture's origin and reference.
And for other earlier shows
Long has sometimes issued
cards which give clues like

Long was the official British

One gathers that Long dis-

There is no catalogue as such. To coincide with the exhibition the Whitechapel has in its natural environment? The sneaking suspicion erises: does published a 16-page book printed in duotone The North Woods (price £1). This conhe actually go there? Could not these works be an elaborate boax, since nobody has seen him doing it? Thus adding tains reproduction of the photographic works by Long which are also exhibited on the walls of the gallery. These ere "records" of walks (or runs) which Long has underfuel to the fire of those who think that this kind of art activity is a fraud perpetrated by a conspiracy of artists, critics and dealers on a scepti-

taken in different parts of the world: A Line in Canada (actually three lines made from dead boughs in a wintery landscape), A Line in the Himalayas (a line of rearranged stones on a mountain scree), A Circle in Ireland (a flatish cairn of boulders), Stones on the Prairie (a starshaped figure of small rocks on a plain of grassland), A Six Hour Fore for Detaction Hour Run from Dartmoor to Exmoor (recorded diagramatically as a black irregular line), A Hundred Mile Walk Along a Straight Line in Japan (misty, mysterious photograph of a half-decayed larch plantation, like a still from a Japanese

fikm at the NFT). Resembling one of those intrepid nineteenth-century intrepid explorer / sketcher / photographers, Long marches across a remote landscape and takes a visual record of it. Sometimes he makes some fairly slight mongers collecting pearl but place which is an astounding change in the landscape (and tons and sewing them on to combination of natural grandeur always in keeping with it), and

exhibitor at last summer's Venice Biennale; the work a line of stones running through the bare, airy "colonial" rooms of the British pavilion. Here records that. The photograph he seems to have been per-ruary 27.

of John an unmarried mother determined to have her baby alone. All we are told about Clare is that she is 28, has been sleeping around for 10 years and decided to have a child while there was still time. This would be enough if she were a minor character confined to her one good scene in Nothing to
Lose (Anna Carteret and Dinsdale Landen are most moving
here). But next week Clare
becomes the protagonist of the drama. Her courage rapidly dis-integrates into a maddening hopelessness and, in the course of a further 75 minutes, we learn virtually nothing more about her at all. Mother Song is a touching 30-minute anecdote which stretches repetition —mother rising in anguish as baby cries, mother ignoring telephone and social workers,

much is going to depend on Mr. Landen, who already invests the opaque John Malory with tact, authority and charm, and on Christopher Morahan, who directed Talking to a Stranger and now has the job of bringing to some sort of life a far more indulgers and described against

Richard Williams

self up as a kind of walking compendium of this century's American folk music, and throughout the second of his London concerts on Sunday he proved uniquely adept at synthesizing the most disparate

and a trio of gospel singers, he drew his material from a remarkable variety of sources. We heard songs from the dust-bowls of the Depression, from the bluesmen of the Mississippi Delta, from the Texas dance halls, from the black sanctified churches, and even from Burt Bacharach. All were focused through Cooder's remarkable vision, so that the Bacharach song (the gorgeous "Mexican divorce") was deployed with Latin rhythms, gospel choir, and blues-tinged guitar, each element falling perfectly into

Most of the audience had

logical self-confidence. Not is the record of his work. But suaded to allow the issue of an much help was given at Bristol, does the work exist separate explanatory essay, illustrated from the photographs? Has with photographs of earlier works, written by Michael Compton of the Tate Gallery, Some notes on the work of Richard Long. This began: "Richard Long's work is ancestral, secret and chthonic but not obscure, irrational or unsophisticated," which must have sent most English-speak-ing visitors to their dic-tionaries, let alone the Italians. (According to Chambers chthonic means "pertaining to the earth or the underworld and the deities inhabiting it"

"ghostly.") Compton says the works made out in the landscape and in these photographic records of Long's activity in distant countrysides which spreads its aura to the works constructed the photographs made from them are two separate works. (Like a painting and an etching based on it?) But has Compton ever actually seen any of these works made in remote landscapes?

One can understand why Long has an obsessive fear of interpretation or explanation. Yet it is a curious kind of aloof isolation, a refusal come any way to meet the audience all too typical of many contemporary artists. Long's work is evocative and more so in photographs than the recent pieces constructed in art galleries; but the line between mystery and wily mys-tification is very closely trodden.

The three exhibitions con-tinue at Whitechapel until Feb-

come to hear Cooder play his

Ry Cooder

Hammersmith Odeon

Ry Cooder, a young virtuoso of the guitar, is both archivist and alchemist: he has set him-

Accompanied by a quintet of bass to falsetto in a single Texan-Mexican dance musicians graceful glide.

remarkable bottleneck solos, and they were delighted by a trio of comic songs on which he played acoustic guitar. His work on the electric instrument was clear, direct and moving, nowhere more so than on a: startling version of the rhythm-and-blues standard, "Dark End of the Street". Here he susof the Street". Here he sustained long, aching phrases, a thoroughly sensitive complement to the spectacular singing of his miniature choir. One of the singers, Terry King, took the breath away with an up-ward swoop which moved from

Cooder is obviously besotted with the supple, romantic rhythms of central America, and has a marvellous ear when it comes to picking songs. "He'll have to go" and "Stand by me" were marvellously adapted, both highlighting the curiously effected contrast of his guttural nad somewhat shapeless voice against the mellifluous backing trio.

Cooder treats his venerable material with respect, but never smothers it with an excess of

smothers it with an excess of reverence. He probably does not think of himself as a curator, but these valuable traditions could not repose in safer hands.

SPRING ISLAMIC SALES

Last November six new major auction records were achieved during Sotheby's second week of sales of Islamic works of art.

The sales, which realised £1,260,000, included carpets, rugs, manuscripts, miniatures, lacquer, ceramics, glass, metalwork, arms and armour and other works of art; paintings, watercolours and photographs of Middle Eastern subjects; also books of Islamic interest.

The closing date for the consignment of property to the next specialised series of Islamic Sales, which will take place from 2nd to 6th May, is 4th March, 1977.



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Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

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central Romance, played with telling secretiveness by both

artists. Lacking cone of the

maximum opulence, Miss Jacobs did not always thrill

the ear in higher climaxes;

even intonation sometimes suf-

fered under pressure. At other

times she seemed an agreeably

uneffected musician, in close

accord with her reliable, intel-

ligent keyboard parmer. I was

sorry that the double debut

already mentioned caused me

All praise to the Percy-Pryma-Nebe Trio (an English clammentist, Polish plantst and

German cellist) for unearthing

D'Indy's Op 29 trio full of

good things though unsele

miss their Mozart and

Revie says he has not closed the door on experimentation

Football Correspondent
Only two uncapped players, Francis, of Birmingham City, and Talbot, of Ipswich Town, are in-cluded in the party of 23 Don Revie has chosen for England's march against The Netherlands at Wembley on Wednesday week. The obvious conclusion is that in this game against the World Cup runners-up of 1974 and in the nine that follow before England's critical World Cup meeting with Italy next November, Mr Revie

will consolidate known strengths rather than experiment.

Mr Revie said yesterday that this conclusion was basically correct, but added that although he had 90 per cent of his World Cup "squad" settled in his own mind, be had you "tiled the door." e had not "closed the door". demembering that England's addure to score sufficient goals t Wembley had often tarmished otherwise promising performances, he added: "Several strikers are knocking on the door; people like Malcolm Macdonald, Paul Mariner and Trevor Why-

The party has few surprising omissions, although five of the original party for the match with Italy in Rome last November are not considered. Madeley, one of Mr Revie's favourite men for all seasons, said he was surprised to be left out, but the manager was probably looking about the World Cup match against Luxemburg in March at about the time Madeley has his own testimonial. George, of Derby County, has still to regain favour after a poor first appearance against the Republic of Ireland. The others are Taylor, little and Towers.

All of those chosen for the match with Italy are included in the party and it would be no sur-n-ise if Mr Revie made no more than one or two changes for this "friendly" game that is impor-tant for prestige and confidence. Francis, who has been named three times before but has always withdrawn because of injuries, has ithdrawn because of injuries, has can. In fact, Mr Revie hinted that this releated 22-year-old would be in the team when he said he hoped this time Francis would be

available.

Mr Revic said: "I am keeping my fingers crossed that he will before not be injured or so sick before the game. He has been most unin this respect. He is a rlayer I have appreciated since he as very young. I once offered \$250,000 for him when I was in charge at Leeds and at the time it would have been an English record transfer fee. He has tre-mendous pace and good ball con-trol and I particularly like his ability to play with his back to the opposition. It is not easy turn-ing with the you are being marked

ing when you are being marked tight."

The Liverpool captain, Hughes, who replaced Madeley in the party for the game against Italy and, surprisingly, went on to gain a place in the team, remains, but probably only as a stand-by. His international career seemed to be at an end after the 1975 home international championship, but by recalling him in November Mr Revie defied critical opinion because he felt that Hughes could meet a specific challenge.

Within the party chosen for

Within the party chosen for England's first international match England's first international match of this most important year is the basis of an adequate if not exceptional team. The most important target must be to form settled side before the June tour of South America when they play Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. Before that there are five games, including the home international championship, and that should have been enough if progress over the last two years had been more successful.

successful.

In 21 matches since he took over as manager, Mr Revie has used 48 players and still not found a satisfactory combination or style loss of the captain, Gerry Francis, have disrupted his plaus, but because the next meeting with Italy is still 10 months ahead it would be wrong to think that there is time to experiment.

Mr. Revie said after seeing Italy

Mr Revie said after seeing Italy beat Belgium last week that he wanted England to master the man-to-man marking system which man-to-main marking System which he said all leading European countries used. But yesterday he admitted: "The game against Holland is a vital part of our World Cup build-up. It is important we do well against a world least side." class side

After the Netherlands, the next opponents will be Luxembourg at Wemblev on March 30; this is a World Cup match that Eugland must win by a large score. Poor performances against Finland and the Republic of Ireland earlier in the Republic of Ireland earlier in the season again emphasized England's inability to do this at Wembley, so the gaining of con-fidence against the Netherlands becomes critical. A substantial score against Luxembourg and England could press Italian nerves England could press Italian nerves when they go to Helzinki on June 8, themselves hoping for a large

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Best happy with £75 fine

errs, by a Football Association i-ciplinary commission in London esterday. He was found guilty sterday. He was found gullty bringing the game into discipute after being charged with making a gesture to John Homewood, the referee, after the game at Chelsea on Boxing Day. The charge carries an unlimited purishment, but Best escaped suspension. nsion. Bobby Campbell, the Fulham

manager, who accompanied Best, said: "It was well worth racing back from Guernsey to be at the

From John Hennessy

All is not lost. A place still awaits England in the World Cup in Argentina next year if Mr Aulis Rytkonen,

manager of the Finnish football team, is to be accepted as a reliable witness. His team have to play Italy twice in the qualifying competition and there-

fore have a crucial part to play. It may silence the guffaws to recall that

in the last European Cup for nations

the last European Cup for nations three years ago Finland were drawn in the same group as Italy and conceded their vaunted opponents only a single soal, and that from the penalty spot. Italy won 1—0 here in Helsinki and were held to a 0—0 draw in Rome, or perhaps it should be put the other way round because Italy were saved by u "sensarionnel" display by Zoff in the Italian goal. Mr Rytkonen speaks litle English and our common language was

English and our common language was French, his derived from eight years with the Toulouse club in his playing

Mr Rytkonen readily admits that the present Italian team is better than that of 1974, but then, he maintains, so is the Finnish. Those who recall the

desperate straits that England were

reduced to in order to secure a 2-1 win at Wembley last October would not

Mr Rytkonen (pronounced Rittkonen,

with the accent on the first syllable) has an open, honest, Scandinavian face with just a hint of Lapland. His con-

versation is similarly free of decep-tion. He will not, naturally, broadcast

his team's tactics to the world but it is clear that Italy's requirements will dio-tate the course of the matches both here in Helsinki in June and also in Rome in October. Given that England must

have some sort of chance of beating Italy at Wemblev in November (Mr Rytkonen calls it 1—0 or 2—1 to England), the Italians must go all our for two victories against Finland, pre-

ferably by generous margins to improve-

their goal difference.

The ball is therefore in the Italian court and the Firms, their manager explains, will play it tight at the back.

with a special eye on Causio, and be ready for the break out. "We have the read for it", he says, particularly in Nieminen, who scored the goal against England at Wembley, he reminds us. Mr Rytkonen was a member of the

be inclined to argue the point.

Helsinki, Jan 31

George Best was fined £75, with hearing and getting together our criss, by a Football Association cridence. I think it was a just decision. George has had his fair starday. He was found gullty share of decisions against him." share of decisions against him."
Best, who was accompanied by
Bobby Moore and Ted Drake, the
Fulham chief scout, said: "I
have had a fair hearing and I'm
glad that it is over." Mr Drake
was the only Fulham representative who was called upon to give
evidence. The club decided against
presenting a raped recording of presenting a taped recording of a radio commentary as evidence. Bost was also warned about his future conduct.



When the balloon goes up the trouble is over: Queen's Park Rangers' £12,000 warm air scheme to beat the frost has proved so successful that they are confident that the twicepostponed League Cup semi-final first leg tie will be played at Loftus Road tonight.

One target that seems likely to remain in Liverpool's sights

Liverpool, still pointing at three targets, were not unduly disturbed by yesterday's FA Cup lifth round draw. For the third time this season they received a home tie, this time against Oldham Athletic on February 26, and they have yet to meet a team from the first division. If their European Cup and championship journeys were similarly paved they would be justified in hoping for the incredible treble.

The draw brought only two all The draw brought only two all first division ties—those between Leeds United and Manchester City and Middlesbrough and Arsenal—and seemed unspectacular after the excitement of Saturday's hectic fourth round. The highlight could be a meeting between last years finalists, Southampton and Manchester United. provided Southampton, the

ampton and Manchester United. provided Southampton, the holders, first beat Nottingham Forest in tonight's replay.

Increasingly, Manchester City are looking the part of potential cup winners. Their matches so far have been against substantial opponents yet they have carried their good league form into the heat of the cup. Yesterday their manager, Tony Book, said he was a little disappointed at having to go to Leeds but added: "We must feel quietly confident after

winning at West Bromwich and Newcastle. Our best performance of the season was our 2—0 win at Leeds on Boxing Day."

London's only survivors, Arsenal, have probably the most threatening away tie of all against Middlesbrough. This is likely to be a steru affair. Middlesbrough's league form is formidable and though they have gained the reputation of being unattractive, they have the ability to reach Wembley. Stuart Boam, their captain, said: Stuart Boam, their captain, said:
"Arsenal will be tough opposition. I have tremendous respect
for Malcolm Macdonald as a goal

scorer but I believe ground ad-vantage will give us the edge." Ipswich Town, if they beat Wolverhampton Wanderers in the

Considering the high standard of their football at Layer Road this season, they are probably thinking that the replay is going to be far more difficult than reaching the sixth round.

The voice of Wales, expressed by Cardiff City, is gathering power. Their defeat at Wrexham on Saturday showed them to be a sound side. Neither Swindon Town

replay today, and Aston Villa are nor Everton can feel pleased with both favoured with home matches against the third division opposi-

Draw for fifth round of FA Cup

Cardiff City v Swindon Town or Everton Colchester United or Derby County v Blackburn Rovers Ipswich Town or Wolverhampton Wanderers v Chester

Nottingham Forest or Southampton v Manchester United

Greaves refuses the offer hv Newcastle

The Bolton Wanderers manager, In Greaves, has refused a move to Newcastle after having talks with his wife. Mr Greaves said: "It would take a lot to move me from Bolton. My future is at from Bolton. My future is at Burnden Park. I am flattered to have been offered the chance although I realize that I may not even have been their number one choice."

Mr Greaves added: "There are

several reasons why I want to stay at Bolton, not the least being loyalty although that might sound a bit corny. I hope that we can have success in the League and the League Cup, but there is no way you can promise this to your fans." Mr Greaves admitted that he had spent some time at the weekend considering the Newweekend considering the New-castle offer.
"I made the decision with the help of my wife but it was not an easy one. It took a lot of careful consideration, because Newcastle are one heck of a club, but so are Bolton

Finnish manager with French connection hopes to complete the Italian job

Victory possible with 150 per cent team effort

Aulis Rytkonen: Even if his mathematics are shaky the sentiment is readily

bonus for the match against Italy will

be ten times that amount, still of course peanuts (with no disrespect to the President of the United States) by comparison with payments elsewhere, but

This match, too, is their world platform and any player who proves his worth might find himself on the business end of a lucrative contract with German, Dutch, Italian or Spanish clubs.

Finelly, individual pride is et stake.

The match will be played in the Olympic stadium (of immortal 1952 memory) and, whatever the manager may think, the Finish public at large show no great

a substantial reward in these parts.

QPR without Clement but Cropley is back for Villa once in the past nine games, has completely committed to attack.

Villa, with three avenues into

Don Givens, who has scored only been left out of the Queen's Park
Rangers side for today's League
Con semi-final first leg with Aston Villa at Loftus Road.

Givens, who had a transfer request turned down earlier this month, makes way for the winger Thomas, who has now completely recovered from a fractured cheekbone. The England full back, Clement, is still out of action with a back strain and Shanks will continue to deputize.

The pitch, which has twice caused the game to be postponed is said to be in good condition under its protective tent and to the relief of both clubs, the Football League and the England manager, Don Revie, the match looks certain to go on. Despite the standing tussle between two teams

optimism, so that an audience of only

about 25,000 is expected to be dotted

The players, according to their men-tor, are determined to embarrass the faint hearted. "We have strong

faint-hearted. "We have strong players", he explains. "You have to be tough to survive our six months of win-

ter with temperatures sometimes below 30 below." Centigrade, of course. "If our players", he said, "give me

120 per cent we can draw, if they give 150 per cent we can win." Even if the

mathematics are shaky, the sentiment is

readily understood and readily appreciated. One snag in the Finnish ointment is that their leading player, Arto Talsa ("he's our Beckenbauer"), plays for a Belgian club, Beerschot, and is not certain that he will be released for the matches against Italy.
As for Italy's invasion of Wembley in November, on the terraces as well as the

pitch, he thought England would fare better than in Rome. "There you played

defensively and depended on long balls into the Italian goal area, which were easily headed away." England will have

to attack next time, probably along the ground, and would play all the better for that. He has a special admiration for Kevin Keegan.

The Finns will go to Italy for training on Wednesday with matches against Florence and three other lesser-known

club sides. It seemed strange that they would put their talents on display on enemy territory, but Mr Rytkonen

knows that wherever they go they will be under strict Italian surveillance. In any case "Nous allons cacher nos jeux",

which, roughly translated, means that the Finns will keep their cards close to their sturdy chests. After Florence they

go to Portugal, then Turkey, before

ders for Finland's, and therefore, Eug-

their home season opens on May 1.

around the great arena.

readily understood

Cropley having recovered from a hamstring strain.

Although Villa's forwards, spearheaded by Gray, have received most publicity this season it will have not escaped the notice of the Rangers manager. Dave Sexton, that the Villa defence have not conceded a goal in over five hours of football. So Rangers know they will have to be at their very best to get the two goal lead they need for the second leg in a fortnight, for Villa are as near invincible at home as makes no matter. Which team gets to Wembley could well be decided by the duel between Rangers vastly experienced centre backs McLintock (37) and Webb (30) and the Villa double spearhead of Gray (21) and his lively assistant, Deeman (19).

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B. McCosker 35) G. N. Troup 4-47;
Auckland and Northern Districts XI

Today's fixtures

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Athletics

Faulty communications system teams. And fliat is the most wortying aspect. Whether the mountain should theoretically go to Mohammed, or vice versa, is arguable. But the fact remains that all soncerned—athletes, personal coaches, national coaches, and officials—were under the same roof in the same RAF hangar on Saturday, and yet somehow the information did not apparently flow in the right direction.

flow in the right direction.

One man who did make his

one had wan old make my position clear to the selectors on Saturday was Ray Smedley, winner of the 3,000 metres file. He was willing to take part in all four planned international matches in February, but did not

want to run a strength supping 3,000 metres in all of them, especially as he hopes to challenge once more for the European 3,000 metres title in March. So he

By Cliff Temple

Athletics Correspondent We are in the earliest stages of a build-up to the 1980 Moscow Olympics, and already we appear to have a faulty communications system. On Saturday I sat along-side Sebastian Coe after he had convincingly won the AAA national indoor 800 metres title at Cosford and heard him explain most clearly that he would not most clearly that he would not be available to run for Britain in the indoor international matches in Italy and Spain next week. This was because he could not spare the time from his economics studies at Loughborough Column to the spare for the reams for mics studies at Loughborough Col-lege. Yesterday the teams for those matches were announced, and Coe named for the 800 metres in Genoa on February 9 and

in Genoa on February 9 and the 1,500 metres in San Sebastian on February 12.

Allan Wells, of Edinburgh, the winner of the 60 metres title, and with the look of a man able to lead a resurgence of British sprinting, also said on Saturday that he did not want to run in the international indoor matches. He is named for the 60 metres and the 4x200 metres relay in He is named for the 60 metres and the 4x200 metres relay in both Italy and Spain.

Wells's coach, Wilson Young, said yesterday: "Allan only raced indoors a couple of times to give himself a brief break from training. But there is no point in running any internationals or the European Indoor Championships. It is nice to be selected, but there is too much at stake later on. It is going to be a long, hard summer."

The British Board of Selectors were, presumably, not aware of either man's intentions on Satur-day night when they picked their

Howcroft in two areas of trouble

Rugby Union

almost certain to miss the county championship final between Lancashire and Middlesex at Blundellsands on February 25.

Howcroft, who rlayed against Surrey, had to drop out of the semi-final match against Warwickshire because of injury and his replacement. Hess of Richmond, is likely to keep his place for the final.

Howcroft faces double trouble because his club are also members of the Weish RFU. He will be dealt with by the Middlesex disciplinary committee, who earlier this season suspended the Harlequins prop forward Claxton for 10 weeks after he was sent off in

Watson keeps up challenge with five-stroke win

La Jolla, California, Jan 31.-Tom Watson, of the United States

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ound (1975)
Langers v Aston VIIIa (7.30).
FA CUP: Fourth Round (replays)
Everson v Swindon Town (7.30).
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(7.30); Welverhampton Wanderers
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(1984); Chester v Reading

ion and Bliston). Pole vault: M. Bull (Wolverhampton and Bliston). J. Gut-rgridge (Windsor, Slorgh and Eton). Shot: G. Cape: (Borough of Enfled). M. Winch (Bughton and Rove). SAN SEMASTIAN, FEBRUARY 12: 60 metres: Bull, Wells. 60 metres: Cohen. Hamiton. 800 metres: P. Browne (Tibmes Valley). Goodacre.

The Wales B second row forward, Chris Hower it, who was sent off while playing for London Welsh at Leicester on Saturday, is almost certain to miss the county

County match. Under Welsh laws, a player sent

off is automatically suspended until his case is heard and yesterday Howcroft suffered his first punishment when he was dropped from Wales's national squad training.

John Lawrence, a retired RAF officer, is to be the new secretary of the four home Rugby Unions' tours committee. A committee member and former player with London Scottish, he is the chief accountant of the Test and County Cricket Board and MCC. He takes over on May 11 from Albert Agar, who is retiring.

maintained his current good run with a five stroke win in the Andy Williams San Diego open which gave him his second consecutive victory on the United States golf circuit.

Cricket

He showed us the Helsinki pitch and looked longingly at the four metres of snow that covered it, as though the thought crossed his mind "if only we could get the Italians here now". If THIRD DIVISION: Chester v Reading (7.30): Crystal Palace v Port Vale (7.45): Shrewsbury Town v Rotherhound United (7.30): Walsalt v Grimsby Town (7.30) could get the Italians here now". If Don Revie could raise the kitty from 1,000 marks to £1,000 it would do won-7.30).
SCOTTISM LEAGUE: Second division:
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STAMMAN LEAGUE: First division:
Idead v Backing: Durwich v Bishop';
Stortford; Enfedd v Snitton United
Kingsionizm v Wolding; Staines land's chances of survival, even at the present rate of exchange. Instead, as a passing shot I left Mr Rytkonen a bottle of Scotch. He promised to open it on the night of June 8 "after we have beaten Italy". It seemed a good invest-ment, especially at duty-free prices.

Stockton muscles in at la on world's exclusive set

Athletic teams for indoor events

By Rex Bellamy

Tennis Correspondent Tennis Cotrespondent

Roscoe Tamer and Richard

Stockton, two muscular Americans
who specialize in the service and
the volley, have won the most
important hear's singles tournaments of the new year. Tanner
took the Amerilian title, the first
leg of the grand slam. On Sunday afternoon Stockton beat
Jimmy Comons, 3—6, 6—4, 3—6,
6—1, 6—2 at Philadelphia in
the final of the United States professional indoor championship, the fessional indoor championship, the fessional indoor championship, the most renowned indoor event other than the eight-man tournaments which round off the World Championship Tennis and grand prix pionship circuits.

During the Philadelphia tourna-ment Tony Roche expressed the view that Comnors's tennis was on a par with that of Rod Laver's best year. Cliff Drysdale, who has been on the circuit even longer than Roche, considered Connors was even better than Laver. But whatever his ability, Connors has yet to match Laver's achievements, and on successive Sundays Connors has been beaten Sundays Connors has been beaten by Bjorn Borg and Stockton.

Conners has won his nine other matches this year and has collected £59,000 in prize money. But a player's reputation depends on his results—particularly in big be rid of it. Last year tournaments—rather than on the size of his bank account. The successes of Tanner and Stockton and the setbacks for Connors are reminders that there is little to will be 26 in a fortnig choose between the leading men. To some extent this should protect To some extent this should protect tournament termis from the developing threat of the rich four-man events from which the top men make huge profits.

In order to qualify for those benefits the celebrities must consolidate their reputations in such tournaments as the Wimbledon, United States and French thampionships and probably either the WCT or Masters grants. Other

the WCT or Masters events. Other the WCI or Masters events. Other tournaments are more seriously threatened. Last week the Association of Tennis Professionals and some of the players' agents discussed means of maintaining the quality of tournament entries without restricting the players' freedom to earn money wherever they choose to do so. A state-

growing conflict tournament tenms and we described as "exhibit (Borg, incidentally, was it to the point of anger a is ago when someone referring recent wins over Committee and the agent The ATP and the agent think of no contains and think of no solution and be content with vague mendations and an expres concern. There is not not can do. The game las authoritative governing Such things as bans and tare demonstrably damage futile. Fines are equally tive. The American make it almost prevent players and alternative to free bareain Stockton heat Connors:

races with some 1,500 metrodistance at which I feel at could also have won on San

The highest standard of ing in the teams is that of

purt. Both men have act the European champion qualifying standard several this winter. Capes in part is on the right course to :

the European indoor title, declaration of full suppor

the international season least bring a sight of relie

board members.

But perhaps the most we selection is not that of an at all, but an official.

Davies, the former Olympic, pean and Commonwealth jump champion, is named as tant men's team manager,

Stockton beat Connors? he finished their three-how with two irresistibly gothat proved he could produsistent tennis of the quality. In 1974 Stockton, the semi-final round at will be 26 in a forming assuming his back remains he still has plenty of time one of the great mer championships. The Philadelphia double won by Bob Hewiti-{w taken off about 1015 in: few mounts) and Frew M

who have been in harness who have been in harness years. Their challengers some fine doubles played these were mostly pained familiar partners. On the the doubles predictably in the doubles predictably in that there is no substitute them work. Wolfek Fila Tom Okker were the only take a set from Hey McMillan, who again 18 exemplary demonstration special craft of the doublin winning 6—1, 1—6,

Kiel, West Germany, Jan 31.—
West Germany completed the double over Britain when they scored a 2—1 victory in their group B first division King's Cup the here yesterday.

The Germans continued their march towards winning the group by taking both singles, but Britain salvaged some pride by winning the doubles.

Uli Finner put West Germany one up when he recovered from losing the first set to beat John Lloyd 6—7, 6—3, 6—2. Karl Meller also had to recover from an early setback when he defeated the British No 1, Mark Cox, 4—6, 6—3, 6—4. Meller showed world class in his fine win over the left-handed Cox.

The Lloyd brothers, John and David, dropped the second set before completing a 6—4, 6—7, 6—6 onthles victory over Hans-Juergen Pohmann and Peter Elter.

Mornington, animates—Martin Navaratiovs, for Czechoslovakia and now in the United States, so that singles title victo month when she defeated.

Susan Barker 6—0, 5—1, young's tennis toursame

Rackets

Myrtle in commanding form in opening round

By Our Rackets Correspondent
A brigadier, Andrew Myrtle,
stands a good chance of winning
the Army rackets championship,
which began in London yesterday,
for the eighth time. His principul rival is David Reed Felstead,
a former winner, whom Myrtle,
armely one of the few Army surely one of the few Army officers actively engaged in com-petitive sport, beat in last year's

Both came through their opening matches, Myrde sauntering through against Charles Grimston and Reed-Felstead galloping, as if taking part in a cavalry charge, pagt David Rosler, who looked a better player than, the score suggests. There were others in the draw whom Rosler might have besten.

Most of the matches were played at a brisk light infauty pace and only two went beyond three games. Timothy Toyne-Sewell lost the second game to Robin Brodhurst, before waning by 15-11, 6-15, 15-7, 15-5. The loser showed a tidy range of the toset showed a bay range or strokes in the second game and kept the ball straight. But Toyne-Sewell's weight of stroke. especially his heavy and aggressive serving, submerged Brodhurst in the next two.

Barry Aitken, a Sandhurst in-

structor and one of the ponsible for the revival game there, had a now before quelling one of his Nigel Wilson, by 6-15, 18-15, 15-3, Wilson better style, Atricen wad dogged and effective.

The middle two games i crux. Wilson recovering 6-13 to 11-13 before service which Aitken killed ed his run. In the thir Wilson was ahead 8-2 at and was later in bend at Aitken, by this time, was the game and timing the game and timing the game and timing the game and timing the game and through the fourth game.

Unfortunately several leading Army players where engaged otherwise might have been a vintage where engaged the stronger and game.

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understood and readily appreciated.

Toulouse team who won the French Cup in 1957 "the same year that Aston Villa won your cup", he knowingly added. Those were for him, the "beautiful years", when he played football, trained for football and lived for foot-

ball. The commitment is still there,

superimposed on an executive position in a printing company, his expertise passed on to a daughter who is a mem-

ber of Finland's women's team.

There are special incentives for the

Finnish players to do well against Italy here in Helsinki. Whereas normally they are paid a win bonus of 100 Finn

marks a match (only about £15), the-

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are no problems regard-Windsor meeting to-but Freddie Newton, the the course at Newcastle, meeting is also scheduled row, said yesterday after-The stewards will hold tion at 10.30 in the moru-tine course is virtually here is a very slow thaw.

captured last year, will now act as John Cherry's Chektenham pre-liminary. If Hundingdon is aban-doned the Rossington Main hurdle at Doncaster on February 28 would be a suitable alternative.

The Dealer would have been a tough nut to crack in any case. Considered by Fred Winter to be a potential steeplechaser in the making. The Dealer, who is undeteated in three novice hurdles, met his only setback when third to Mr Linner and Cathering Storm, giving both horses weight in a handicap at Towester.

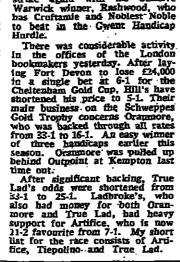
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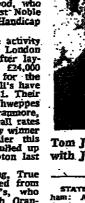
Mr Linuet has since scored again at Kempton and Gathering Storm gave the form a further boost when runner-up to Sea Pigeon in the Embassy Hurdle at Haydock Park. In The Dealer's latest success, he showed courage and tenacity in warding off the strong challenge of French Hollow at Ascot.

absence of John Cherry, or if my selection to win running of the £3,500 far Novices Hurdle. Tom i yesterday that with the hishire meeting in doubt. It want to subject John D. the possibly fruitless from Newmarket. Also, frost only just coming ground, the going might off enough to suit the th winner, who needs the how his true ability. Idney Banks Memorial Hundingdon on February is evidenced as is length defeat of Centaur in the Grand Angual Steeplechase at Cheltenham. After starting the season high in the



Tom Jones: taking no chance with John Cherry.





stow programme

DE HURDLE (£502: 2m)

Bagele Golf. D. Nichalson, 5-11-11

Reave of Hearts, M. Tate, 5-11-11

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Moonstelke, F. Hasiam, 5-11-11

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Reave of Hearts, M. Tate, 5-11-6

Supprised Jim. J. Tierrup, 6-11-6

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Arctic Bunay, P. Taylor, 4-11-0

Morry Lamp (D), M. McCourt, 4-11-0

Arctic Bunay, P. Taylor, 4-10-9

Blusbing Brides, P. Poston, 4-10-9

Carati's Supple, J. Hardley, 4-10-9

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Reas Boy, M. Tate, 4-10-9

Turn Together, H. O'Nell, 4-10-9

Sand Gold. 7-2 Merry Lesp, 9-2 Moonstrike, 5-1 Knave of 188, 12-1 Arctic Bunny, 14-1 Northern Eagle, 16-1 Others ockton muscles

SIAN WAR BURDLE (Novices: 52,886: 21m) The Dealer (D), F. Wintig. 7-12-0.

Excapologiet. J. Wardie, 6-11-12

Excapologiet. J. Wardie, 6-11-11

Andrew Patrick, R. Turnell, 6-11-7

Court Metody, W. Fisher, 7-11-7

Kacher Brown, E. Beeson, 6-11-7

Master Sanudge (D), K. Barrow, 5-11-7

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Manust Irvine, C. Irvine, C. Davies, 6-11-4

Mount Irvine, C. Irvine, C. Davies, 6-11-4

Rashmere, J. Gifford, 4-11-2

Ben Donachan, D. Undorwood, 4-10-9

C Misor, R. Boss, 4-10-9

O'Conna, B. Cambidea, 4-10-9

Tolleebury, P. Boston, 4-10-9

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GE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £733: 2m)



Chepstow selections

1.45 Moonstrike. 2.15 Romping to Work. 2.45 The Dealer. 3.15 DULWICH is specially recommended. 3.45 Dawn Breaker. 4.15 Rash-

By Our Newmarket Correspondent By Our Newmarket Corresponder

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2.45 Tollesbury. 4.15 Homefield.

e for England to forget Batten favourite to take

1n Woodcock prrespondent 2. Jan 31 first time in the presentation of the presenta ahead with six second ckets standing and the cing up, nd had one of the old nd had one of the old rders, containing the the Comptons and the d the Cowdreys of not 10, tiley might, I super 250 to win, against spinners on the pitch ring. After all, it took hours and a half to pland's last four first kets. And in India's less Gayaskar made 50

four first ngs Gayaskar made 50 of the best strokes of The pitelt is nothing able; sqt yet ap any even on good pitches ke a labour of batting. I their last 12. Test bave lost their fourth re the score has passed y one of their last 31. Is has there been a opening partnership, rich and Wood against t. Lord's in 1975. Alland have beaten India uare this wimer, it is rs, not their batsmen, lone it.

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of the bowling being done by the spinners. As the highlights of a day's play. Indian television have been known to show the sightscreens being shifted for want of livelier action. They quire often show a ball being changed. With a more acceptable over rate there would obviously have been more days on which 200 runs were scored. Whether more of them would have been from half volleys hit for four is another matter. To some extent an individual innings takes its an indevious immigs takes its rempo from the overall pace of a game, and its character accord-ingly. Even so, the most important over in the whole series, bowled by Chandrasekhar to Amiss on the first day of the first Test match, resulted from the batsman forcing the issue

"We have obviously got our work cut out", said Greig this morning. The pitch, it now seem was heavily watered before the start simply to hold it together. Once the moisture went out of it, it was always going to crack up-Inperfect though the umpiring may have been it would be altogether wrong to say that that accounts for India's advantate. India have found a pitth on which they how better than England. For one thing they are the more genuine spinners of the ball. What has come to light is that MCC protested unavailingly against the appointment of unipire Nagendra to stand in the first Test in Delin. stand in the first Test in Delin

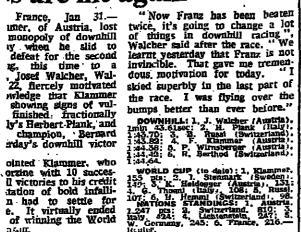
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Boxing

oured batting approach vacant British title show what a close knit and inbred

Jimmy Batten and Albert Hillman meet for the vacant British light middleweight title, at the Royal Albert Hall, London, tonight. It is a match that will arouse a lot of interest inside the boxing fraternity, if not so much outside. Joe Bugner will be interested because Hillman, indirectly, is one of his proteges, having won one of the Continental training trips which Bugner has bestowed promising jumors over the years. Hillman qualified by winning a schoolboy title two years running, and he also boxed for England as

In the other corner, Batten will be supported by John Stracey and the European champion, Maurice Hope, not only stablemates but irlends, Batten is fighting for the title Hope recently relinquished, and the former world champion, Strates, has been his main sparring partner. It all goes to

Kent, have origins only a dozen miles apart. Hillman is not quite a Loudoner, but it is a close thing. Although both men have time to develop, neither yet has the look of a Hope or a Stracey. Batten, 21, has two defeats on a tree year record, Hillman, just 22, also has two.

But the opposition has been run-of-the-mill and the best win run-of-me-inn and the best was on either side was Hillman's seven rounds stoppage of Tony Poole, who went most of the way with Maurice Hope in a title contes This does not preclude a good bout, however. These two are closely matched in every depart-ment, and Batten starts slight favourite in a contest almost cer-tain to go the distance.

Pasta Minter's only worry

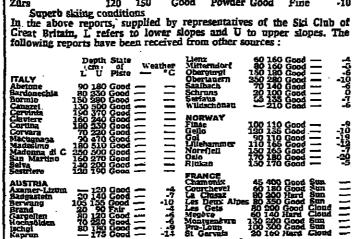
shed excess weight for Friday's title bout here against Germano Valsecchi, the European middleweight champion. The 26-year-old British mason weighed more than one kilogram above the category finit of 72.5 kilograms.

Milan, Jan 31.—Alan Minter, of cooking, as I like cannelloni and Brizin, did some hard training pasta.", Minter said.

The British boxer had a number shed expass watch for Bridge's of training rounds against his 20-year-old brother, Mike, who works as sparring partner. Mimer said he had great hopes for Friday's contest. "I am really convinced I can take the crown. I am going to knock out Valsecchi." However, he said it would be no problem for him to lose the weight before the contest at the indoor sports palace. "My only werry is to keep away from Italian for fading out Minter's hopes. Valsecchi, aged 28, who won the title last year, will be staging his second title defence. The Italian claimed he knew the right tactics

Latest snow reports from Europe

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The House of Lords held, on an appeal by charterers, that they were not entitled to withhold \$30,000 from the freight because of short delivery, on the ground that their contract with shipof short delivery, on the ground that their contract with ship-owners incorporated one of the Hague Rules which wholly bars any suit for loss or damage not brought within a year after delivery of the goods. Their Lordships also gave their reasons for declining to change the common law rule that the obligation to pay freight arises on discharge.

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Their Lordships dismissed an interlocutory appeal by Total Transport Ltd, charterers of the Aries, from the formal dismissal by the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Scarman and Lord Justice Goff) (The Times, February 10, 1976; [1976] 2 Lloyd's Aep 256) of their appeal from Mr Justice Donaldson who had given the owners, Aries Tanker Corporation, summery judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeal had held that it was bound by its own decision

Court of Appeal had held that it was bound by its own decision in The Brede ([1974] QB 233) on the point in issue and granted the charterers leave to appeal.

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LORD WILBERFORCE said that the Aries was chartered under a voyage charterparty on a standard (BP) voyage charter form to the appellant charterers to carry a cargo of petroleum from the Arabian Gulf in Rotterdam and there to deliver it in consideration of the payment of freight. The freight payable was specified in clause 6 by a formula which meant that it was to be calculated on the intaken quantity of cargo. By clause 7 freight was to be payable after completion of discharge in cash without discount. Clause 30 provided that the provisions of, inter alia, Article III of the schedule to the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1924, should apply to the charter and deemed to be inserted in extenso therein.

Article III, rule 6, of the schedule (the Hague Rules) contained the vital words: "... in any event the carrier and the ship shall be discharged from all liability in respect of loss or damage unless suit is brought within one year after delivery of the goods or the date when the goods should have been delivered. ..."

The vessel arrived in Rotterdam in May, 1973, and there discharged. It was found that there was a short delivery, the value of which the charterers claimed to be \$30,000. The charterers paid the amount due for freight in June, 1973, but deducted \$30,000. The owners did not accept the validity of that deduction.

On October 17, 1974, the

freight. The charterers out in a defence and counterclaim, admitting the deduction but claiming that they were entitled to set off against it the loss claimed on the cargo and that they were not liable for the \$30,000. They also counterclaimed for that sum. The owners proceeded under Order 14 for summary judgment. It was not disputed that the charterers had a triable case in respect of a claim for short delivery and that they had not instituted suit within 12 months of discharge. Mr Justice Donaldson refused them leave to defend and gave judgment for the owners for £11,753. The Court of Appeal affirmed his judgment. If the case were to be decided on the terms of the contract it would appear to be comparatively simple. The obligation to pay freight arose upon discharge; the amount was a liquidated claim. The contract contemplated the possibility of a cross-claim by the charterers in respect of loss or damage to the cargo and it was expressly provided, by incorporation of Article III(6), that the carrier and the ship "shall be discharged" unless suit was brought within one year after the date of delivery or the date when delivery should have been made. That amounted to a time bar created by the contract; but in

That amounted to a time bar created by the contract; but in his Lordship's view—and it had not been sufficiently recognized in the courts below—it was a time bar of a special kind which extinguished the claim, and not not which as under most English extinguished the claim, and not one which, as under most English Statutes of Limitation and some international conventions, barred the remedy while leaving the claim itself in existence. Therefore, arguments on whether the charterers' claim was a defence or in the nature of a cross-action or a set-off, were misplaced. The charterers' claim, after May, 1974, and before the date of the writ. and before the date of the writ, had not merely become uneuforceable by action; it had simply ceased to exist in law and could have no relevance in proceedings begun, as the owners were, in October, 1974.

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The charterers tried to escape from that result. First, they said that they had asserted their claim within the 12 mouths by deducting the amount from the freight; and that there was nothing more they need or could do. That sounded attractive, but it had no substance. The deduction, not accepted by the owners, could not alter the legal position. By failing to commence a suit before May, 1974, a necessary condition to the survival of the claim, they contractually agreed to discharge it.

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Secondly, the charterers relied on some United States authorities which allowed what was called a right of recoupment to charterers or freighters, as to which, it was said, a time bar did not apply. But his Lordship did not think they assisted. Morevover, as was made clear over 100 years ago, there was a divergence between English and United States law in that particular field which had

was directed to showing that the law, as it was, or as it ought to be declared by their Lordships' House, allowed claims in respect of short delivery of cargo to operate by way of reduction of the operate by way or reduction of the freight so that the owner could only sue for a reduced amount—the freight contracted for less a deduction for short delivery. That argument involved contending that The Brede—a case indistinguishable on its facts from the

ringustable on its facts from the present—was wrong and should be overruled.

His Lordship had given his reasons why that argument, even if successful, could not help the charterers in the present case to overcome the contractual time bar; but it ought to be dealt with.

That a claim in respect of cars. bar; but it ought to be dealt with. That a claim in respect of cargucould not be asserted by way of
deduction from the freight was a
long established rule in English
law. It dated at least from Sheels
v Davies ((1814) 4 Camp 119); it
received authoricative approval
from an eminent court in Daich v
Oxley in 1864 (15 CB(NS) 646) and
Meyer v Dresser ((1864) 33 LJ CP
289), where the rule was called
"settled law". As a rule it had
never been judicially doubted or
questioned or criticized; it had
received the approval of authoritative text books. It was reaffirmed
by the Court of Appeal in The by the Court of Appeal in The Brede, and in their Lordships' House it had been referred to by Lord Atkinson as the law in Kish p Taylor ([1912] AC 604, 612). It was said to be an arbitrary rule—and so it might be; but that rule—and so it might be; but that thin not affect its status in the law. As Lord Summer said, an established rule did not become questionable merely because different conjectural justifications of it had been offered or because none that was not fancial was forthcoming: Admiralty Commissioners v ss Amerika ([1917] AC 38,56). In commercial matters it was all the more important that established rules, unless clearly wrong, should not be disturbed by the courts.

the counts. It was said also to be inconsistent with the rule laid down in 1841 and validated in the Sale of Goods Act 1893, section 53, that in the sale of goods and contracts for work claims amounting to a breach of warranty could be asserted by way of deduction. Their Lordships had been asked to assimilate the rule in the present

But the two rules had been running in parallel for over a century without difficulty, and indeed in Mondel v Steel ((1841) indeed in Mondel v Steel ((1841) 8 M & W 858) Baron Parke had specifically referred to the existence of a separate rule about freight. In Gilbert-Ash (Northern) Ltd v Modern Engineering (Bristol) Ltd ([1974] AC 689, 717) Lord Diplock had recognized that the rule of deduction or abatement in contracts for the sale of goods or for labour did not extend to contracts generally.

a different rule was part of our law, for the sake of harmonization with a rule operating in a different field—unless there was an intrinsic and strong case for altering the former rule. To do that would be macro-architecture of the law and would be for a particular type of reformer.

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But there was a decisive reason why the House should not alter the rule approved in The Bredc. The parties in the present case had contracted on the basis and against the background that the rule was against deduction. It would be undesirable in the present, or any other case where the same question arose, for the the same question arose, for the courts to declare that a rule, courts to declare that a rule, clearly shown to exist, and to be the basis of the contract before the court, ought to be replaced by a different rule which would operate on the contract in question. However convinced the courts might be of the latter's merits, to substitute it could be no part of a judicial process. That was all the less so since the parties themselves, if they

no part of a judicial process. That was all the less so since the parties themselves, if they disliked the rule, could provide otherwise in their contract.

His Lordship was therefore firmly of opinion that the rule against deduction had to be applied to the present charterparty so that the charterers' claim for short delivery could not be relied on by way of defence. On any view, therefore, of the time bar it must defeat the claim.

The charterers had further argued that the claim for short delivery night operate by way of equitable set-off if the right of deduction at law was not upheld; but his Lordship did not think it advanced their case. There must be some ground for equitable intervention, other than the mere existence of a cross-claim; but countsel for the charterers could not suggest any such equity sufficient to override a clear rule of the common law on the basis of which the parties contracted. If there was any equity in the present situation, it would seem to be in favour of the shipowhers, so as to favour of the shipowners, so as to hold the charterers to their bar-gain in adopting the Hague Rules. His Lordship would dismiss the

And the speech of Lord Wilbertore. Lord Edmund-Davies agreed with the speech of Lord Wilbertore. Lord Simon delivered a speech for dismissing the appeal.

LORD SALMON, also concurring to dismissions the speech conductions of t in dismissing the appeal, said that he was by no means satisfied that no reason or justification for the in respect of freight was based on so well recognized as the law that only Parliament could alter it, and retrospectively.
Solicitors: Denton, Hall & Burgin; Coward, Chance & Co.

Bonus scheme outside RIBA fluctuations clause

to current wage rates which con to current wage rates which con-tractors introduced in a form voluntarily agreed with the unions more than a year after they began building a hospital was not within the "fluctuations" clause in-cluded in most RIBA building business boxing is, all the more so in this case since Batten, from Millwall, and Hillman, from north contract forms to take account of changes in wages and other pay-ments after the date of a tender. Their Lordships construed the their Lordships Construed the clause and the scheme to mean that the net increases in the bonus rates over the relevant years were not payable to the contractors by the building employers.

The House dismissed an appeal by William Sindall Ltd., building and civil engineering contractors, of Cambridge from the Court of

of Cambridge, from the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Goff and Lord Justice Shaw) (The Times, March 9, 1976; [1976] ICR 243), which had allowed an appeal by the North West Thames Regional Health Authority from Mr Justice Donald-

Attender was put in by the construction of the Lister hospital at Stevenage on September 16, 1966, after receiving a letter from the authority stating that it was to be based on the rates of wages payable at a date 10 days before the date of tender. Their tender was accepted, and on April 12, 1967, they emered into a countact with the authority to build the hospital for £5,119,677. The conditions annexed to the contract contained clause 31 (1) labelled "Fluctuations" in the standard RIBA contract, Local Authorities Edition (with quantities).

ries).
It provides that " (1) The contract sum shall be deemed to have been calculated in the manner set

William Sindall Ltd v North
West Thames Regional Health
Authority

Before Lord Wilberforce, Viscount
Dilhorne, Lord Salmon, Lord
Fraser of Inliybelton and Lord
Russell of Killowen
[Speeches delivered January 27]
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said rates of wages . . shall be increased or decreased by reason of any alterations in the said rules.

ractor."

In May, 1967, the contractors began the work. The completion date was to be February, 1971, and fluctuations in prices during the period of the work were to be regulated in accordance with clause 31.

up the question arose whether, on the proper construction of clause 31, the contractors were entitled to recover from the authority the additional net amounts paid by way of bonnses under the incentive scheme. Mr. Justice Donaldson held in the contractors' favour that the bonnses constituted "wages and other emoluments and expenses" within subparagraph (a)(i) and that they were entitled to recover the net amount of increases in the bonns rates of increases in the bonus rates under (a)(ii). The Court of Appeal reversed that decision. Mr K. F. Goodfellow, QC, Mr

He is, however, a notable col-lector. His collection of classi-cal coins was sold for 5500,000 in Paris in 1974 and yesterday's was only the second of three anction sessions devoted to his library. The anctioneers in this case are Loudmer ea Poulain.

Among the other notable items in yesterday's sale was Hancar-ville's Veneres uti observantar . . .

of 1771, in a binding bearing the arms of Louis XV; this is the

to 40,000 francs), £5,515.

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regulated in accordance with clause 31.

In August, 1967, the contractors introduced a bonus incentive scheme. It was one form of a type of scheme approved and later encouraged by the NJC with the object of increasing productivity. It was linked to the rates of wages for the area and incorporated wage increases during the building of the hospital, which was not in fact completed until May, 1972. By then hourly wage rares had almost doubled since the date of tender.

employers and operatives in the industry, was to fix the standard rates of wages for building trade der was to be based on the rates payable 10 days before September 16, 1966, the contract was deemed to be based on the wage rates 16, 1966, the contract was deemed to be based on the wage rates payable in accordance with NJC rules or decisions then current. The essence of the bonus incentive scheme, introduced in August, 1967, in agreement with the unions concerned, was that targets should be set for as many operations as possible in terms of

operations as possible in terms of either output per man or machine either output per man or machine or in man hours or machine hours for a complete operation, and that a payment would be made to each gang for the hours saved by them each week. The scheme provided that the bonus per man hour saved was to be 5s an hour or two-thirds of the average of the current standard rate of wages of two craftsmen and one labourer if that was greater. So the scheme was linked to the current standard tender.
When the accounts were drawn up the question arose whether, on was linked to the current standard rate of wages, though it need not have been. It was not long before increases in the standard rates of wages fixed by the council brought the payments due under the scheme to more than 5s au hour, and the increases became substantial

The NJC 1963 national working The NJC 1963 hatonal working rules encouraged such schemes. Further encouragement was given by the council in 1969; but it was left to the convectors to agree with the unions concerned what rewards should be offered as incentives. ments and expenses . . . payable . . . in accordance with the rules or decisions " of the NJC.

The bonus payments the contracof their own free will. They did not become payable in accordance with those rules or decisions merely because they were linked to the standard rates of wages. The reference in the latter part of clause 31(1)(a)(i) was an indication of the meaning to be given to the words their Lordships had to construe. In his Lordship's view they meant rates of wages and other emoluments and expenses governed by the rules or

The increased amounts over 5s The increased amounts over 5s per man hour payable by the contractors by virtue of their having agreed to make bonus payments linked to the standard rates of wages could not be said to have been fixed or prescribed by the council or to have been governed by their rules or decisions. Consequently the contractors' claim that they were covered by clause \$1(1)(a)(i) falled. That sufficed to dispose of the appeal, for the opening words of subparagraph (ii) made it clear that only if rates of wages, cx., to which subparagraph (ii) applied were in paragraph (i) applied were inreased was the contractor entitled to receive an additional sum under clause 31. The Court of Appeal had come to the right conclusion and the appeal should be dis-

Lord Russell delivered a speech concurring in appeal. Solicitors: McKenna & Co; J. Tickle & Co.

1800, with the Mother of God of Kazan in the centre surrounded

Sotheby's sale of printed books

made £21,121, with every lot sold. The top price was £900 (estimate £40 to £60) for the two volumes

440 to 460) for the two volumes Historia et Monumenta of John Hus and Jerome of Prague, published in Nuremberg in 1558. At Christie's a sale of oriental ceramics and works of art made £28,204, with 7 per cent unsold. Old favourites: Modern pictures sold well at Phillips's with some old favourites such as Pressel Elint

old favourites such as Russell Flint

and Lowry setting the pace. A sale of 137 lots totalled £27,560, with

at 157 lots totaled 227,500, with 3 per cent unsold. The top price was 22,850 paid by Williams for a typical watercolour nude by Russell Flint entitled "A Sun-

In Phillips's sale of furniture

and works of art, which totalled £26,386, a personal collection of

burned Pandora".

French erotic literature sold for £129,977 sensational lawsmix, most notably over the Vatican's objections to The Keys of St Peter and the French Rothschilds' objections to The Jews. He is, however, a notable collection.

By Our Sale Room Correspondent
The collection of erotic literature,
mainly of the seventeenth and
eighteenth centuries, formed by
Roger Peyrelitte, the French
novelist, was sold at the Hötel
Drouot, Paris, yesterday for
f129,977. The star of the collection
was a group of original drawings,
probably by Bornet, to illustrate
the Marquis de Sade's Juliette;
they sold for 130,000 francs (estimate 100,000 francs), f15,222, to
an English buyer. The drawings
were sunggled into de Sade's
prison cell in Vincemes for his
approval, hidden among his
laundry. They were sold with 11 approval, hidden among his issuidry. They were sold with 11 small pages of handwritten notes from de Sade on adjustments to the drawings that should be made to follow the descriptions in the book faithfully.

In a foreword to the catalogue M Peyrefitte maintains that his collection is one of the three most important formed; he allows the famous bibliophile Hankey and Sir David Salomons, a mineteenth-century Lord Mayor of London, to have been collectors in his own

It is, perhaps, no surplse that such a collection should have been formed by such a novelist. His careful historical reconstructions with their explorations of Louys's Cham-sexuality (particularly homo-sexuality) have led to a series of francs (£94).

Joseph, of Toubridge, and West-minster, banker and bullion broker, former MP for Walsall, South £219,460 Eeles, Colonel Henry Swanston, of

Latest wills

The National Libraries of France took the opportunity to preempt the purchase of two minor items; a series of somers published exclusively for circulation among the women of the Domreny-la-Pocelle convent at 900 france (£105) and Pierre Louys's Chants Bibliques of 1933 with 12 coloured engravings at 800 francs (£94). Latest estates include (net, before duty paid, duty not disclosed) : D'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Sir Henry

Tunbridge Wells ... £159,710 Campion, Mr Frederick Henry Lloyd, of Rickmansworth £423,507 Matthews, Mr Gerrard Blandford, of Gillingham, Dorset .. £136,904 Burton, Mr Frederick John, of Bournemouth, builder .. £161,080 May, Mrs Edith Annie, of Tarrington, Hereford .. £130,832 | West Glamorgan,

Memorial pendants attract buyers of miniatures Sotheby's also held a sale of Greek and Russian icons totalling £54,195, with 4 per cent unsold. A large (con, dated St Petersburg, 1970 with the Mother of Gold or

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
A collection of eighteenthcentury memorial pendants and brooches was an unusual feature of a sale of miniatures and objects of wirth at Sotheby's yesterday. Most of the pieces commemorated the death of loved ones. Urns, weeping willows and weep-ing ladies are depicted in little

miniatures mounted as brooches, often backed by a lock of the loved one's hair. Most commanded between £20 and £50, although one double-sided miniature in a bright-cut gold frame brought £160. One side depicts a tomb among willows surmounted by an urn with Justice and other figures at the base. On the other side are swans and sheep in a pastoral landscape.

arms of Louis XV; this is the only recorded erotic work to bear the arms of a French king, and it made 32,000 francs (estimate 20,000 to 30,000 francs), £3,747. There was also a series of 12 oval miniatures painted in water-colour on ivory dating from the eighteenth century, but uniqued, at 47,100 francs (estimate 30,000 to 40,000 francs). £5,515. The collection formed by Mr Henry Nyburg made £2,440. From another source came the most highly priced piece in this genre: an eye-shaped miniature on ivory, an eye-snaped miniature on lyory,
3.4cm wide, of the eye, eyebrow
and kiss curl of a girl with a
border of split pearls and a band
of blue enamel set with rose
diamonds. Drager paid £210 (estimate £200-£250) for it.

The sale made £31,133, with less
than 1 per care wreckly. The top

than 1 per cent unsold. The top price was £500 (estimate £150 to £200) for an eighteenth-century miniature of Frederick Augustus III, King of Poland.

objects, sculpture and pictures that belonged to the lette Cyril (Binky) Beaumont, the theatrical impresario, totalled £2.470; a pencil sketch by Vera Willoughby, entitled "the Lesbian Flure placer" went to Lawrence for

Boys drown in bath Two stepbrothers, Mark David Powell, aged 4, and Julian Michael Williams, aged 2, drowned in the bath at their home at Morgan Road, Neath,

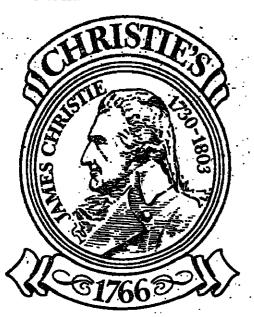
entitled "the Lesbian Flure player", went to Lawrence for £170. Rates up by quarter

. Rates in Staffordshire are to rise from 55p to nearly 70p in the pound, an increase of more than a quarter. The county council has to find an additional £18m



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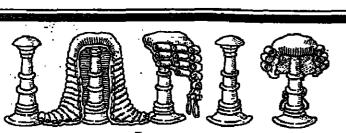
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Charles Hargrove interviews the controversial leader of the French left

How M Mitterrand's socialist vision could change the face of France

M François Mitterrand is the first secretary of a Socialist Party which, it is generally acknowledged, has now become the leading party in France. He is also the leader of the Union of the Left, which, according to the latest opinion polls, stands a real chance of coming to power in 1978. The political, economic, and constitutional consequences of such a victory. would be far reaching.

M Mitterrand is convinced that his controversial alliance with the Communists, who still stand for some 19 to 20 per cent of the electorate, has paid off. The left came within an ace of winning the presidential elec-tions of 1974, and since then its chances have further improved because the Socialist l'arty has pulled ahead of the Communists. "The workers and the exploited social classes", M Mitterrand told me. "lacked a party capable of promoting socialism without anyone fearing for freedom. Today, this party, which stood for 10 to 12 per cent of the voters in 1971, now represents nearly 30 per

If the Communist Party has not progressed, this is because the new Socialist Party has responded to the aspirations of many Frenchmen who otherwise would have gone over to the Communists. The latter had fed for 25 years on the socialist substance. A certain reversa! of things was natural". This Socialist advance raised a new problem for all political parties, and especially for the Com-

I asked M Mitterrand whether the left did not have as much interest as the present majority in the success of the Barre anti-inflation plan, otherwise it would be faced with a catastrophic economic situation if it came to power next year. "Whose fault is it?" he replied. "The left is not after all, responsible for the failures of the right. Naturally we hope that, even with Messrs Giscard d'Estaing and Barre, the situation improves, since French-men, and in the first place the workers, suffer from it. But as we think that the crisis is caused mainly by the economic ctructures of the capitalist world, we prefer to propose remedies capable of curing the



disease durably. That is what we have done with the common programme of the left." He was scathing about the policy of reform of M Giscard d'Estaing. "Words, words", he exclaimed. The President had tried to adapt the law in certain fields, but he had stopped there, through inability to attack the structures of a society whose injustices benefited the privilage of the ruling class. "The so-called advanced liberal society is only a variety of conservatism, a mixture of nineteenth century laisser faire and twentieth century technocratic dirigsme. Reforms are no longer possible without profound changes", he empha-

I asked him why the Socialist Party had not taken up asked President Giscard d'Estaing's

offers to discuss with him prob-lems of national interest. He said that these offers were vague, and more like "a per-sonal publicity stunt than an opportunity for useful discussion. The attitude of the majority towards the opposition has for 18 years been intolerant and sectarian. The people of the left are left out of everything." But M Mitterand said he rejected neither the prin-ciple nor the possibility of such discussion, although circumstance rendered it inopportune

On the crucial point of whether President Giscard d'Estaing might remain in office if the left came to power. M Mitterand said he could, "on condition that he respects the will of the voters, as well as the constitutional equilibria "-im-

plicitly the relations between President and Prime Minister. 'Ir will be difficult, but a sense of responsibility is the first quality of those who aspire to lead their peoples," he added. I remarked that the left was often accused of bringing into question the very institutions of the Fifth Republic. He replied that the constitutional revisions contemplated by the left had

been clearly set out in the com-

mon programme.

"The essential thing for us is to allow more democratic expression, the guarantee of individual liberties, the independence of justice, and a better balance between the The President of the Republic has exorbitant prerogatives acquired by usage more even

rution. He has no counterpart in western democracies ". One of the major constitutional changes the socialists would introduce is a return to proportional representation.

As the constitution operated at present it was "very diffi-cult for the President to discharge his functions if he does not even have control of his own majority. That is what has nappened with the Giscard-Chirac tandem, the UDR, now RPR, being the main force of what used to be called the presidential majority?". M Chirac's bid for the mayoralty of Paris could shorten the life of the present legislature and was "a dangerous attack on the authority of the President of the Republic. I see in this the bourgeois state, but I believe

that the rivals will come together again at the time of the next elections, because of the weight of the economic interests for which they stand ". On foreign policy, M Mitter-rand said that, if in power, the Socialist Party would try to sign a treaty of friendship with

Russia, while at the same time maintaining France in the Atlantic Alliance. But there was no question of a return to I pointed out that the

I pointed out that the Socialist Party was sometimes taxed with a neo-Gaullist attitude in foreign policy, especially towards the United States. De Gaulle did not invent France, and no one has reinvented De Gaulle", M Mitterrand said.

The Socialists would also develop the common policies laid down by the Rome Treaty, he said. We have always been in favour of a regional policy for Europe, The Common Agricultural Policy is necessary in its principle, and open to criticism in its practice. We accept the European institutions in order to change their content. accept the European institutions in order to change their content and prepare the advent of the Europe of the workers", He did not deny that there were differences between Socialists and Communists on defence and Europe. "The common programme is a good minimum programme. It does not pretend to harmonize final-ties which remain different.

remain different.
"What we want is simply for France to escipe from imperialism in all its forms. If the United States under-stands this, we shall be excellent friends. The same reasoning applies to all intrusions into ur affairs, to all attempts at hegemony, from whatever quarter", he went on.

M Mitterrand h. d a special nought for Eritain. "We thought for Britain. "We Socialists follow with special in-terest and strong sympathy the eriors to economic recovery of your country. We think", he stressed, "that Britain is a decisive factor of the European equilibrium. We feel her friends. What affects her affects us. What serves her interests, serves ours. I was inxious that this statement of a lidarity be included in the present interview." It is the war nest thing that the Socialist Party has said so far about Britain.

Small business, the economic dynamo, needs a policy not more diktats

If the Government's industrial strategy is going to mean any-thing at all—and one may be forgiven for scepticism-a central feature ought to be a radi-cal change in public policy towards the smaller end of business and inwards smallscale entrepreneurship are effort in all economic sectors.

Why? Not just because it makes political sense to makes political sense to respond to the pressures of the increasingly well-organized small business and self-employed lobbies—although many of the arguments from those quarters arguments from those quarters are perfectly valid; and not just because when expansion is resumed in the private sector it is the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker, as well as the local garage, the local builders, the farm, the whole saler, the transport business, the local firm of architects and the mass of small firms using high skills (what the Germans call the Handwerk sector) not just because it is all of these which look by far the best bet for new jobs (always supposing the trade unions will allow the jobs to be filled).

The case for a root and

The case for a root and branch revision of public policy goes deeper than either of these two not insignificant considerations. It rests on a supposition which in the context of Whitehall policy over the past 20 years looks awkwardly out of place, almost whimsical, but whose hour may none the less have come.

It is that the smaller business community is not a sort of economic leftover, a social problem to be "coped with" by so thing passages in govern-ment speeches and a nice middle rank minister to meet all these thresome deputations, but the decisive factor in national economic performance. That is saying a very great deal and perhaps it had better be put another way. No one could dispute the importance of our major enterprises, whether state owned or more broadly owned, nor the headaches some of them pose, nor the staggering success others have achieved. But it could reall be that when is still held. well be that what is still hold-ing back Britain so miserably is not the familiar cluster of problems at the big end of big industry but the relatively and increasingly limited part which small-scale undertakings are being allowed to play in British industry and commerce.

In this we are peculiar. Not only is public policy elsewhere far more positive, but West Germany, for instance—and we are reminded of this by Graham Bannock in his excellent comparative study of smaller business for the Anglo-German Foundation—has as much as 40 per cent more small firms than the United

Kingdom, taking full account of the larger population. Japan. Mr Bannock points Japan. Mr Bannock points trial democracy. That out, has a much larger small life. The self-employed w business sector than anywhere countries the United Kingdom seems to have the fewest employed in small-scale manu-

facturing. Could it be that these socalled miracle economies con-tinue to be miraculous precisely because they have stayed fragmented enough and under-rationalized enough and therefore supple enough, to cope with new possibilities and new products at a speed which our more concentrated structure cannot manage? Could this flexibility account in some way for the extraordinary success of British agriculture—mostly organized in small units—in terms of output, productivity,

research and innovation?
Could it be that those elusive qualities of originality, flair or just undiluted refinement, not to mention prompt delivery, which often count for so much more than price in world markets are just the ones which come best from industries plentifully sprinkled with small-scale units among the inevitable handful of

On this—the "strategy" question that could just conexact opposite of the truth.

Brezhnev's fear of Dr. Sakharov and the other resisters is based (apart from that part of it which reflects evil's eternal fear of good) upon the knowledge that the more they are seen to be standing out against opportunity to open his, and in doing so has done a disservice to the cause of freedom everywhere, and a dangerous one to those upholding it within the Soviet Union and around her borders.

Contains the could just contains the could just contain the great industrial strategy is virtually silent. And no wonder. It is all poles apart from the philosophy of picking winners, reinforcing success, analysing sectors, putting bits of industry hopefully together.

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ism which features so requires a completely diffe style of policy from any visible in these quarters a ferent perception about genesis of economic pe

adding a paragraph on small business problem " a question of starting from small business point of and building up from t The Bolton report on firms had it about right warned of the utter f of viewing smaller busine distinct and separate s of the economy, to be off on the check list w scale undertakings in whole system.

A proper feel for this lem would lead us to de economic and industrial cies in almost exactly reverse way to that pre-used. Instead of produci full blown new syster capital taxation and then ning round in circles m
"concessions" for ar "concessions" for si business the aim should been to devise a system tely favourable to small ness seeding and growth then to worry about the i on everybody else.

But behind the rechanges in policy approa First, it could well be through this lens, throug idea of small business : key to economic acrather than as a drag on to economic ac wholly admirable conce the social market eco with competition as its es could begin to look closely in line with eve small business life as lived by millions than point has in the past.

The stress on the part of the social a economy was always a c part of its progenitors' ing. In explaining this, be time come for even mor phasis not only on the ciency but also on the qu the human scale and the contacts which the business environment of after all not just a theor trasis strongly with the and ponderous bigness socialist prescription.

Second, there is a vita necting thread between idea of more small be activity and the wish economic power more dispersed and the owners new wealth more widely s The small business nee or the parmership, see lessons about the advants personal capital building.

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The aim of creating a more favourable climat independent business, having a greater prop of output and emplo organized in this way, g harness with the & worthwhile aims of wider far wider participation I mass of the workforce formation of new C. Progress on all these c spreading fronts is vital f political stability and ecc resilience we need in pl the brittle, bureaucratic state-centralized system w

Expansion of the small ness part of the econo therefore a central them a nostalgic afterthough belongs at the heart of trial strategy and the the political agenda sooner that is recogniz Whitehall, the sooper competition policy labour ket policy, taxation planning policy, social policy just to start the list—be be shaped round that a tion the quicker the dole will shrink and the brisk return, to a truly comp

David Hc The author is Conservation for Guildford.

economy.

Bernard Levin

Mr Carter offers peanuts to Dr Sakharov The Soviet rulers face grow-tyranny, the more they will ing, possibly irresistible, rally others to their side. If defiance within their empire to there were no samizdat activi-

It would require a verbiage virtually anything at all with The French are meter of exceptional sensitivity out fear of untoward political to elicit any certain meaning consequences, having been wont to say from President Carter's comrebuke to the State Depart duce a new era of open, frank ment for its public criticism of and truthful government: the Soviet Union, and I am by and no means fully satisfied that America and the world at the they had any. On the one very first pressure on him by they had any. On the one very first pressure on him by hand, he is against sin; on the Russia's rulers? Why, hasty other, he wants no freelance assurances of his unwillingness preacher condemning it. To be to resist such pressure, sure, those who resist tyranny here his sympathy; however, equivocal and even ignoble that they might have been impolitic. The State Department's remarks did reflect his own attitude also; as against expressions of a belief that to shut his mouth. that, they might have exacer matters could be better bated the situation. Dr Sak-barov had appealed directly to him; alas, it appears that Dr Sakharov had forgotten to enclose a stamped addressed

may travel freely in and out of have been willing to offer Russia) would be to meet any? If President Carter does him—but of course such a ineeting could not be allowed from evidence that came to to appear as though it was hand just as he was executing directed against the Soviet his own unbecoming shuffle.

own country than any of his mock-trials and incarceration. predecessors within tiving But at least the Czech puppet-memory, only a few days into government has now abruptly

his elected on a promise to introwhat does he offer equivocal and even ignoble that they might have been framed by Senator McGovern himself and accompanied by advanced through his own rela- Mr Carter has tionship with Mr Brezhnev.

Contemplating that last claim, I am obliged to ask: doesn't he know anything about it? Does he not know, to There was a good deal more in the same vein (a singularly bloodless vein), and one bit that was rather worse; the President announced that his "inclination", should Dr Sakharov ever visit the United States (possibly—one never can tell—be is under the impression that notable dissidents may travel freely in and out of the country to offer within the Soviet Union and her empire are only alive because they have been able, again and again, to feed their heroism off the crumbs of public support they have got from such few Western leaders as may travel freely in and out of the country to offer The new dissident movement This is not encouraging in Czechoslovakia has faced, Here is a newly-elected Ameri within the past few weeks, can President, owing less to savage and intensifying represany group or individual in his sion; its adherents risk arrest,

speaks hastily and without wisdom that he has lost last lost an opportunity

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leading resisters of Soviet-imposed tyranny, and there is hope that many others will at any rate remain out of prison. And this has happened because, and only because, the Soviet imperialists have become alarmed by the volume of protest that has swelled up throughout the free world, not only from private individuals, eminent and unknown alike, but—much more important still —from governments, notably the Austrian and Norwegian. (Though not, of course, the British: I suppose Mr Callaghan feels that he is in quite enough trouble with his own left wing over economic policy without his incumbency and therefore retreated from its intention to over economic policy, without in a position to say and do deport by force eight of the further earaging them by being

Soviet Union.) Brezhnev and his horrible crew are both imperialists and realists. They never lose sight of their aim-domination-but they also keep firmly in mind never forgotten. But the detailed calculations always take the form of measuring, not the possibility of nuclear bombardment, but of political resistance which may nullify gains obtained earlier, or lead to losses in the immediate

insufficiently obsequious to the the possible consequences of rebukes his conduct and dep-pressing on with it too hard or lores his words. And he does pressing on with it too hard or too fast. By consequences I do not mean the risk of war or of a potentially explosive confrontation, though naturally such ter, and that more can be strategic considerations are achieved by private contacts, and the strategic considerations are achieved by private contacts, both of which claims are the swact opposite of the trul.

offer moral and psychological support (she would not, after all, give the material kind) to those who are resisting him.

So he asks for such an assurance; and he instantly gets it. When the State Department offers words of comfort and support to Dr Sakharov, the Soviet Ambassador is sent round to protest. And instead of backing up the admirable official who put out the state-ment, President Carter publicly rebukes his conduct and dep-

with the unrest is a diminution

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pans of the enslaved nations begin to seethe and bubble,

and even within the Soviet

Union seven fires are lit for

every one put out, Brezhnev

needs above all an assurance

that the United States will not

those heroic men and women. And Brezhnev will listen most carefully, and reply most politely, and not do anything at all. And he will not do anything because it will not be necessary for him to do any thing because only pressure for which he has to account, in however exiguous a form, to of his empire, and to the people of the world, will have any effect upon him. The French are wont to say

And parallel with that truth

American President's "relationship" with the Soviet dictator. When the two meet. I

have no doubt that Mr Carter

will press Brezhnev to be less

harsh towards those struggling

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their colonial rule. The Poles, ries within the Soviet Union, the Czechs and the East Gerand no reports in the West

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tion of freedom cannot be at all to the Soviet rulers: it is eradicated by injections of the fully public knowledge outrepression. What the imperial-side, and the private-public ists need while they try to knowledge inside, that make devise a method of dealing him the danger he is.

of one who speaks hastily and without wisdom that he has lost an excellent opportunity to shut his mouth. President Carter has lost an excellent opportunity to open his, and in

The Times Diary

A visit to the lower depths

The Archbishop of Canterbury, whose usual concern is with lottier regions, descended loftier regions, descended several hundred feet under the several hundred teet under the fields of Kent yesterday. But he did not meet his opposite number, only the friendly miners of Betteshanger colliery, which must be the most scenically sited coalmine in England, in the lush countryside 15 miles from Canterbury.

The bowels of the earth hold no terrors for Dr Coggan, He has been down a diamond mine in South Africa, and he was an occasional visitor to the pits of Yorkshire while Archbishop of York "I have been doing this for 21 years", he declared confidently.

Kitted out in bright orange overalls, donkey jacket, pit boots, helmet, lamp and self-rescue mask, the Archbishop spent two hours underground, travelling two miles and half from pit bottom to coal face, the last part of it in a three feet six inch seam on his hands and knees. It was, he confessed, quite arduous. He took the precaution of having two chaplains

manager, Barry Carlisle, and his deputy.

Because of the restricted space reporters were not allowed to go underground, but the ecclesiastical party reported having to wade through 100 yards of water, some of which came over their boots. Dr Coggan was unperturbed by the water, dust and noise, and enjoyed

Later, after a private bath in the manager's office, he reappeared looking immaculate, in his numbers glasses, silver crucifix purple shirt and grey suit, with wholly pullover, for a buffet lunch with management and local officials of the National Union of Mineworkers. It had, he admitted, been diffiground, but he had signed a few autographs and had learnt a lot about modern mining tech-

"This is simply the ordinary pattern of my working life", reports of death and injury to The employers could not give boys of 13 and 14 working in in unless they were prepared and beer. "I do like to get out to the places where people are their reaction to the Bullock Ine workers, narurally, were recet Street wine par, seeks counters copies of the current the annual renewal of its hit, The Missouri Waltz, for the licence at the Brewster Sespost each morning.

Later he became a plano to the brickfields, the magazine to work at a loss, though it will face opposition. Terry demonstrator, and played for the places where people are carries a highly partisan ac- figures in another copy of the

working. I love going to the docks, for example." He is the first cleric of such stature to visit the pit since 1924, when one of his predecessors, Randali Davidson, the first shor to begin construc-tion of the mine shaft. Jack Dunn, area secretary of

the NUM, thought archbisbops should come more often. "The amount of spit and polish and tidying up that has been going on here in the last few days would amaze you. They have just laid a new ash path on the underground roadway. It's a pity we have to wait for an arch-bishop to come to get these things done."

Immutable

Doing some repairs in my roof. the other day, a builder found some copies of a publication called The British Clayworker, dating from 1895 and 1896. Reading through them provides intriguing evidence of how little British management has changed in 80 years.

First, their conviction that the way they are doing things now especially the way they treat their staff—is the only possible way of doing it (eg

PATRONS ARE REMINDED THAT AFTER 630 PM HIME-SOCKS AND SHOES THE MINIMUM DRESS BEQUIREMENT NO THONGS METER 6 30 PM PLEASE

Wild nights in the Solomon Islands, where E. C. Dommen took this picture. For some, though, the perverse ban on thongs could spoil the pleasure promised by the liberal dress regulations.

count of a brickmakers' strike at Bridgwater The men bad been out for

six weeks, seeking an increase in-wages from 2s 6d a day to-3s. They were getting 2s 9d strike pay from their union. The magazine reports imperiously: The gross perversion of facts published about the employers and the starvation of the workmen will perhaps be treated with all the consideration deserved as statements from irresponsible quarters, but they are very annoying."

The workers, naturally, were

paper show that brickworkers were better paid in most other parts of the world. The Riot Act had been read and soldiers sent in. Another issue carries an

interview with an American brickmaker comparing manage-ment techniques in his and our country. He says: "There is not the same ambition to 'keep up with the procession' that there is in America. And yet it is not that the Englishman has any particular pleasure in being slow, but rather that he has a great belief in letting well

aione ... "If his yard or works is do-ing fairly well and bringing him in a fairly satisfactory income, he prefers to keep on in the old quiet way, and live in gentility and ease, rather than turn his place upside down and lay awake nights worrying as to the outcome of changes that might even add 50 or 100 per

cent to his profits.

"Hence it is that there are any number of works going on in practically the same old way that they were perhaps 20 or 30 years ago". Sounds familiar.

When El Vino's, the noted Fleet Street wine bar, seeks the annual renewal of its Discrimination

of the Daily Mirror, will urge the magistrates not to renew the licence on the grounds that the bar flouts the spirit of the Sex

Discrimination Act.

He will take with him two women, who will give evidence that they were refused service at the bar itself. El Vino's has traditionally only admitted women to sit at tables, and will not the them county and will not the them. not let them stand up with the serious male drinkers. Partinson says that the degradation involved in this discrimination was brought to

him on a hot day last summer. when he was refused service for a different reason—because the was not wearing a de. That was when he decided to take

David Mitchell, Conservative MP for Basingstoke, is a joint managing director of El Vino's with his brother Christopher. Christopher Mitchell and Paul Bracken are the joint licensees.

Mood music

Tomorrow E. C. "Teddy" Holmes, the doyen of British music publishers, celebrates 60 years with Chappells, the firm of which he is a director. When



bought their sheet music at Chappells. He also played sones over for Nellie Melba, and she once tried to persuade him to accompany her on her farewell tour of the world. He was an accompanist for Gracie Fields in some of her wartime ENSA.

"My great love is middle of

the road music." he says is still very much alive, a important part of any lisher's revenue. There lot of nostalgia in the coand, thanks to the BBC, of opportunities for prot-standard music. Mous Bygraves . . Geoff Low one of the biggest sales time, you know, with hi movie themes."

Each year, through the Publishers' Association, it is involved in choosing British entry for the Euro Song Contest. "I don't tend to understand the world, though there are tainly some nice songs time to time. I leave ti the young people, but play my piano, and I around to listen to recitals, which is my be

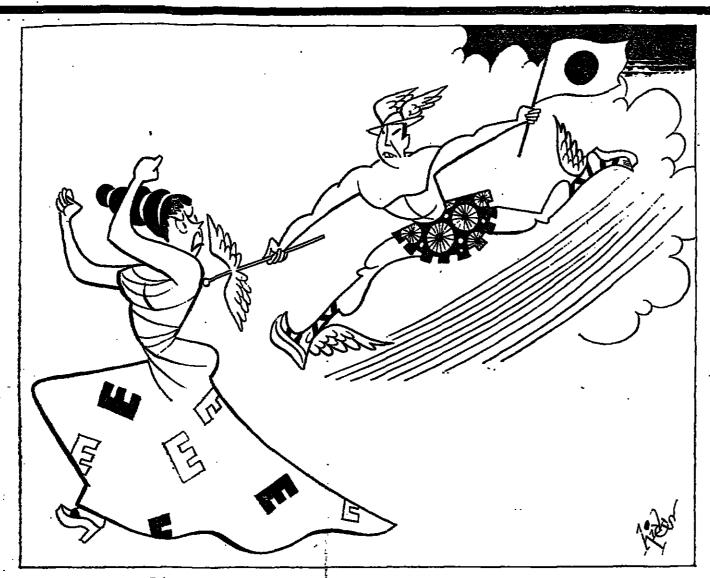
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Salesmen stumble over Japan's subtle traps

ns between Japan and Europe newhat clouded by their differ-ver trade. Dialogue is far from hen one side invokes the letter aw, the other refers to custom, ce versa. Admittedly, the es to trade are not always of

47, Renault signed an agreeanting a small Japanese motor turer, Hiho, the right to proquatre chevaux model under Cooperation between the two which Japan's as yet still tic industry gradually grew in learning to "copy" European Then, after the licence ran 957, nothing happened for 20

enault they admit that "we try very hard". The high customs duty (about 40 per and the intransigence of the ans restricting all foreign comand industrial investment on soil were sufficient disincen-nitiatives from outside, allowhome industry to develop vithin its protective cocoon. ve years or so, most of the riers have been removed and year Renault, which exports n half its output, managed to one car to Japan. The com-okesmen ascribe this to other tle obstacles put up in the which almost allow the authorities to choose which ay be imported, quoting the downs of the type-approval undergone by the Renault began during the first weeks md was not completed until

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id not know why. One day simply told that the car was proved. It could have hapwee months earlier. The did not even ask for the nich they had demanded pre-A typical example.

lack of success on the Japanese market, where France sold only 128 vehicles last year, the managements of the French motor manufacturers become embarrassed. "Covert protectionism", "an impossible market". they mutter before going on to enumerate the traps set to foil the venturesome exporter.

First on their list of complaints is the problem of standards. Whether concerned with pollution, safety or noise, they are different from those in Europe and incomparably stricter. According to Renault, "to comply with them, we would almost have to build completely different cars and this could be justified only by a large volume of sales".

This is a vicious circle because the price difference (up to 100 per cent) between French and Japanese cars means that the market open to the former is bound to remain limited. For instance, Renault estimates that if it mounted a major campaign it could eventually sell a maximum of 20,000 cars in Japan, not enough to justify substantial expenditure on

Apart from the actual content of the standards, the manner in which they are applied is the main source of friction between the Japanese authorities and European firms, whose most common complaint is that they are not given enough notice of the frequent modifications.

When the Japanese draft a standard, they get together among them-selves and as soon as it is published it becomes almost inviolable. They do not go back on their decisions in Japan", the manufacturers claim, "but one fine morning, you are informed that your car cannot be admitted because it no longer meets the new standards

The type-approval procedure is all the more formidable an ordeal in that European firms do not know at the

"You are constantly being asked to produce further information, additional test reports" and if the slightest detail is out of line, the whole procedure has to be started again from scratch. Moreover, all the standards contain a number of un-quantified criteria open to subjective interpretation according to the disposition of the inspector.

Let us consider the example of the Renault 5 case: the Japanese regula-tions specify that the temperature given off by the exhaust system must not be dangerous, but no maximum temperature is laid down. "We thought we were well placed, since the temperature on the Renault 5 was lower than on other vehicles which had been approved. Nevertheless, they insisted that our entire exhaust system had to be fitted with an extremely expensive protective casing similar to those on Japanese models.

Clearly the motor manufacturers have the impression—not without justification—that the type-approval procedures applied to their vehicles are arbitrary and that success depends on political decisions which have nothing to do with the strict rules on environmental conservation. These non-tariff barriers account more than adequately for the motor manufacturers' poor record on the Japanese market, but they are not alone among French exporters in adopting a wait-and-see attitude.

Apart from a few notable excep-tions—companies like Rossignol, for instance-the bulk of French sales to Japan is made up of luxury products (clothes, scent, glassware, spirits, toys, works of art) able to trade directly on the Japanese infatuation with French culture and kudos. "French scent and fashion have a

special appeal to the Japanese imagination. A French trade-mark, brand name or label is enough to impress them. You cannot imprine the number of appalling cooks who are

making a fortune there, purely on the basis of their nationality", M Fuchs, export manager at Nina Ricci,

explained. However, although Japanese buyers account year in year out for some 15 per cent of Ricci's turnover in scent, they do most of their buying in Paris, in the duty-free shops at the airports and on aircraft, while only 5 per cent of the total comes from sales on

Nina Ricci's experience provides a number of pointers. The firm formed an association with one of the large chains which hold sway in the Japanese distributive trade, controlling or looking after large numbers of clients, small distributors, dealers, importers and so on. This chain introduced Nina Ricci to its importer but, according to M Fuchs, it was four years before the importer succeeded in getting the firm's products sold in all the stores in the chain.

There were two reasons for this. First, buyers in the provinces are accustomed to dealing with a limited number of intermediaries and to sell to their shops it was necessary to approach them through the accredited wholesaler. Second, it is customary for large stores to let appreciable areas of their floor space to small retailers: in many instances, therefore, it was necessary to negotiate, not with the chain itself, but with the lessee.

It should also be borne in mind that the importer selected will have the greatest difficulty in selling in a store belonging to a rival chain and that most of the small specialist shops are dependent on the few major Japanese brands of cosmetics, so that it is hard for French brands to set up sales network and win more than a token share of the market.

However, claims of "covert pro-tectionism" are not so easily justified here. The only excuse for French firms is their ignorance of the laws of the Japanese commercial jungle. Véronique Maurus

All the President's men

Carter team finds new hope in Old World

If we compare the newly formed Carter team with Mr Ford's team, Europe has lost a Secretary of State (Kissinger, a German), but has gained a Treasury Secretary (Blumenthal, a German) and a National Security Affairs Assistant (Brzezinski, a Pole). Valued in chess terms the exchange may appear a bad one—a queen, against a knight and a pawn—but in political terms it is clearly a good one political terms it is clearly a good one. The bare details of the changes in appointments do not give a true picture of the influence that the old Continent has had on the development. the way of thinking and, one hopes. the future line of action of America's

Dr Kissinger, it was said again and again, might appear in some way an epigone of Metternich; an architect. that is, of political restoration, a rigid controller of the status quo. In President Nixon, as American political commentators were very late in discovering, he had found the reflection of his "Middle European" pessimism, a total disbelief in the governability of men and things, which gave him that obsessive need to control every-body, to "stonewall" the enemy within and without.

It was also said that, from Dr Kissinger, Mr Nixon had absorbed a rather distorted conception of Hegelism, a strange form of dialectic in which the synthesis should be but a reaffirmation of the thesis: and this created the basis, finally, for a vertical collapse of the security and control system—Watergate, in internal affairs, and economic Waterloo for the allies, where foreign affairs were concerned.

The new team, on the other hand, comes to office with optimism and trust as its credentials. Europe, which for the past eight years has represented a danger signal to Washington, appears, through the eyes of the new administrators, to offer an opportunity for new policies.

For the time being there is more good will than actual proposals, but one thing is certain: where the views of Mr Vance, Dr Brzezinski, or Mr Gardner, the American Ambassador to Italy, are concerned, the double standard of values that in the past has seemed to apply to the economic and political growth or contraction of Europe is gone—a double standard under which European growth implied an "anti-American competitive

block ", and European contraction signified "break-down, in a micro-universe of economic troubles. North and South, Eurocommunists and Euroconservatives". Today, the fact that the United States needs Europe is

Rut if, in the outgoing Administration, there were recognizable traces of European thought (one need only review the previous work of Dr Kissinger before he entered the Government) in the Carter Administration continental influence appears to be perhaps more pragmatic than theoretical. There are indeed certain personal factors, as in the case of Mr Blumenthal, a Berlin Jew who emigrated with his family from Nazi Germany, or Dr Brzezinski, a Pole from Warsaw, married to a relation of the 1930s Czechoslovak President, Edward Benes. But it is essential to resist the temptation to psychoanalyse; it must be recognized, as with Dr Kissinger, that diplomatic decisions have their roots in wounds of long

All that can be ascribed to the personal history of the "Europeans" in the Carter Government is a solid intolerance of any kind of totalitarian regime (and this is already a very



President Carter with Mr Blumenthal Secretary of the Treasury.

good thing to have inherited from the old Europe). The rest of the continental influx belongs to the realm of the Carter men's subsequent development, their personal contacts with the other shore of the Atlantic. Almost without exception, the personalities chosen by Mr Carter in positions connected with foreign policy have in recent years been repeatedly exposed to the influence of European intellectuals, politicians, journalists, and many of them have a direct knowledge of the difficulties of our countries.

They have "breathed" Europe during these years, and their lungs bave been New York, the international organizations, and consultation and debating groups such as the Trilateral Commission, the Council on Foreign Relations, the universities, and the internationalism of culture. Some of them went so far as to cause a scandal by inviting a communist to speak and join in discussion in New York, and the Department of State had to intervene to stop him (this was the case of an Italian Communist Party spokesman). In their role as executives of multinational companies or as travelling intellectuals, they open up the White House and the ministries to acquaintanceships relations, which may sweep away some of the stifling air of culture accumulated during eight years of Nixonian provincialism.

Paradoxically, therefore, although America's new administrators are considerably more American than their predecessors (Mr Gardner calls "pragmatic idealists" — and what else is an American?) they are better equipped, if not more amply so, from the European point of view. The least well equipped of them all, in this sense, is Mr Carter himself, but it is a mark of his ability that he has chosen people with wide, cosmopolitan experience to run his international affairs, without fear of suffering by comparison. He knows very well that, if Metternich was the inspiration of Dr Kissinger, the inspiration of Mr Vance and Dr Brzezinski will still be Mr Carter.

Vittorio Zucconi

On the contrary

Hallstein rides again

Hallstein, first President of the EEC Commission, id: "We're not in business-we're in politics." Now um seems to have been revived. Mr Roy Jenkins, the ssion's new President, has reminded the European ent that the Community is an economic means to a 1 end. Mr Anthony Crosland, the new Chairman of ncil, has spoken of its " political reality ".

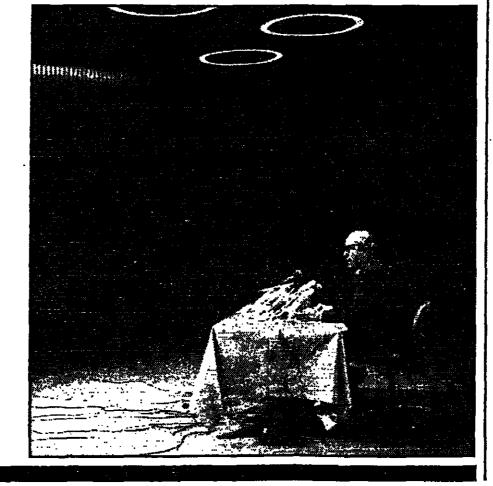
: but two paradoxes remain. irst is further enlargement. Everyone wants Greece er countries to join—for political reasons. But no lains how the Community's modest political content ien avoid being spread too thin.

econd paradox suggests an answer. Since 1954, when opean Defence Community failed, economic integrabeen the detour round that political roadblock. Now, lation, unemployment and widely divergent growth, ur has become a roadblock in its turn.

ps the time has come to make a detour round the and head straight for Europe's political goal. With budget cuts and defence costs soaring, a European s pool looks more attractive.

tors could always be told: "We're not in politics-1 business." Otherwise, we may not be in business

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The Joint Ministerial Group on Electric Vehicles is launching an international call for tenders for the production of specifications for different types of electric accumulator commercial vehicles. The object of this call for tenders is:

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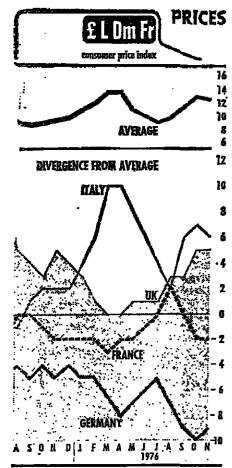
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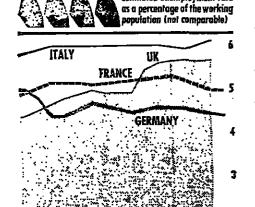
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Saudi Arabia oils the western wheels



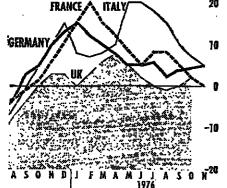
Prices.-On the prices front, the end of the year brought a slight improvement reflected in a fall from 13 per cent to 12.5 per cent in the average rate of increase for the four countries from October to November. The rate has been cut in France (from 11.5 per cent to 10 per cent) and Italy (from 20 per cent to 18 per cent), while rising in West Germany from 2 per cent to 3 per cent, so that the spread between the four countries is tending to narrow.

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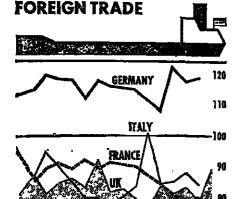


Employment.—Seasonally aajustea unemployment as a proportion of the working population is unchanged at 4.95 per cent in France and 4.4 per cent in West Germany, but has risen slightly from 5.5 per cent to 5.65 per cent in Britain and from 6 per cent to 6.1 per cent in Italy.

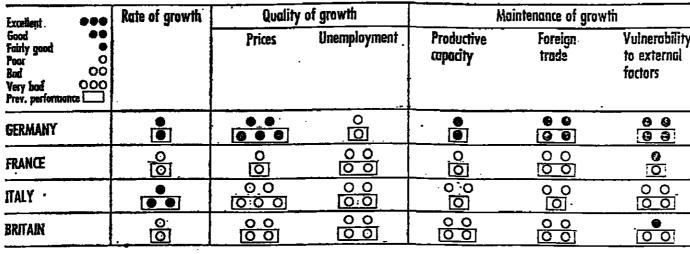
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Industrial growth.—In November, industrial production showed a tendency to stagnate in France, continued to fall off in Italy and, in contrast, recovered slightly in West Germany to a modest rate of 5 per cent.



Foreign trade.-West Germany's cover of imports by exports (calculated fobcif and seasonally adjusted) returned to its customary high level of 120 per cent over September-November. During the same period, France's marked time at 80 per cent. Italy's improved in October, but fell back to 84 per cent in November. The spectacular achievement, however, is Britain's improvement from 79 per cent to 89 per cent.



Not long ago the prospects for the future were still doubtful, although there had been some good news such as the slight recovery in the United States and West Germany. This was because there were still many political and economic uncertainties.

The oil price review was looming and there were those who feared the worst, with increases of 20 per cent or even 30 per cent. Feeding on this apprehension, speculation was dragging down the currencies and trade balances of the weaker economies and it was difficult to see how these countries could be put back on to an even keel by any means short of stringent austerity.

Now, after little more than a month, a few major developments, each strengthening the effects of the others. have suddenly tipped the scales on the side of optimism, even causing a general rise on stock exchanges.

The most important of these is without doubt Saudi Arabia's decision to increase its crude oil price by only 5 per cent and use all its weight to ensure that this moderate line prevails. It has every chance of success, to judge by the difficulties which Iran experiencing in selling at the

Consequently, there are grounds for hoping for an early improvement in the trade balances of countries like France, Britain and Italy which have been seriously affected by the speculation on the oil price increase. Indeed, the British balance of payments, much to the surprise of the authorities, actually marked up a surplus in December.

More important than this, however, is the fact that the industrial countries have been relieved of the pressures, both inflationary (accelerating pace of price increases) and deflationary (sterilization of part of unused addi-tional income), to which an excessive increase in the price of oil would have led. This has made it possible to avert

Have the lessons of experience over the past three years, which have demonstrated the extent of international interdependence, finally been

It would seem so to judge by a second example of the international agreement which has grown up in the face of mounting threats: the massive aid made available to Britain in the form of a \$3,900m loan from the International Monetary Fund followed up by a further \$3,000m to consolidate the sterling balances, most of which was provided by the three rich countries, the United States, West Germany and Japan.

This aid was very quick to bear fruit: the pound rose, helping international monetary stability and steadying the franc and the lira. There may therefore be some hope of seeing the vulnerable countries emerging from the vicious circle of weak currencies and inflation which was dragging them down, forcing them into further austerity measures. The results are already very clear-cut for France, a little less so for Britain. If these are confirmed and strengthened, they should enable these countries to catch up with the front-runners of the western economy. This will provide a much-needed stimulus, particularly for West Germany and Japan, which need the export business.

It is undesirable for there to be too wide a gap, such as that foreshadowed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, be-

tween the growth rates of the stronger. countries and the weaker countries, because its inevitable result would be to hold back the development of the former. Admittedly, when they are in phase, growth rates are less stable, but the primary role of international solidarity is to coordinate them.

The western world is now in a very much better position to press ahead resolutely. There are growing signs of a recovery in the United States, in particular the coincidence of an improvement in consumer confidence, as borne out by a recent survey conducted by the Conference Board, with the appreciable improvement in retail sales which, having risen by barely 0.3 per cent in October, shot ahead by 1.9 per cent in November and 3.1 per cent in December.

On the investment front, however, there is still no significant improvement; at least, there has been no build-up of the strategic type of investment which takes the offensive, placing trust in the future: new factories, new capital projects and new

Unfortunately, such investment as is being embarked upon is of a more defensive character, concerned with rationalization, productivity ga and contraction of workforces—refucing fear of the future and of international competition. In an economy going through a period of normal growth. both types of investment should be in evidence, not just one. Unless the balance is redressed, there can be no durable growth. One of the requirements for bring-

ing about this balance seems to have been met already, with the considerable fall in interest rates. But this is not enough: direct incentives are also necessary. However, the \$30.000m programme phased over 1977 and 1978 just announced by Mr Jimmy Carter does not contribute very much in the way of incentives: scarcely \$2,000m. Moreover, these take the form of reductions in employers' social contributions and are not real incentives. Nor does there seem to be anything decisive for the time being in the plans of West Germany or Japan.

il there has been some neglect o investment, the same cannot be said about employment. In the countries which have won the battle with inflation, unemployment is now becoming the prime area of concern, even if this is not yet admitted in West Germany, where inflation is still regarded as

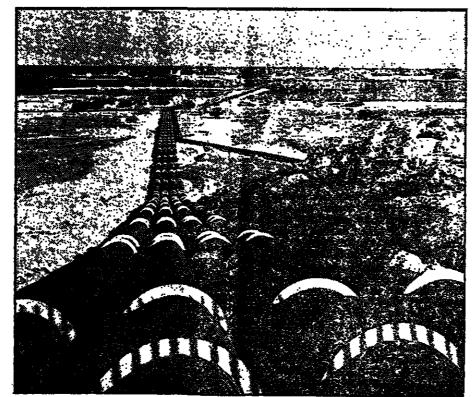
public enemy number one. The problem of unemployment unfortunately presents even more difficulties than that of investment. It is not without interest here to refer to a shift in Mr Carter's policy objectives: having proclaimed during his electoral campaign that he would reduce unemployment from 8 per cent to 6 per cent during the course of 1977, he has prudently adopted the more modest objective of a 10 per cent reduction in his recent programme. The 5 per cent "natural" growth projected for the United States in 1977 will therenot be sufficient to bring back full employment.

This growth rate could no doubt be boosted to 6 per cent or indeed—and this is what is envisaged in Mr Carter's programme—major projects could be launched to provide jobs for 800.000 unemployed. But either solution poses the threat of a substantial budget deficit and therefore of inflation.

The problem seems just as difficult in West Germany, which has managed hitherto to keep unemployment down by curbing immigration and encouraging immigrant workers to return to their countries of origin. Now other solutions will be needed. It is interesting in this connexion to recall the measures adopted at the end of 1976, providing aid of DM1,600m to encourage greater mobility among workers. These measures have not proved successful thus far, since the December unemployment figure is higher than any in the previous eight months (almost 1,100,000, unadjusted).

In the United States, West Germany and still more in the other countries. it is not enough to bring back growth. must be made durable and acceptable in social terms. To do this, a solution must be found to the twin problems of unemployment and investment. This is probably a matter of long-term rather than short-term measures.

Maurice Bommensath



United States: comparative situation and influence

industrial growth • (•)

More signs of an upturn. The index of forward indicators rose again in October (by 0.67 per cent) and November (1 per cent), so that it is now back at its high pre-recession level. Industry's order book was up by 0.8 per cent in October and 1 per cent in November. Retail sales also improved appreciably, by 1.9 per cent in November and 3.1 per cent in December.

Prices ● (●●)

The contrast between retail and wholesale price trends continues. Retail prices are still running at a moderate rate of 4.5 per cent, although this is higher than West Germany's 3 per cent. Wholesale prices on the other hand are beginning to give cause for concern, with an increase from November to December which would give an annual rate of some 10 per cent.

Employment O (OO)

After a rise of 8.1 per cent in November, unemployment as a ratio of the total population eased to 7.9 per cent in December, the same level as in October. The improvement comes from a slight fall in the total number of unemployed (from 7,800,000 to 7,600,000) coupled with an Increase in the number of employed (from 88,100,000 to 88,300,000).

Productive capacity • (•)

Use of capacity, which weakened in the second and third quarters of 1976, improved slightly during November to a shade more than 80 per cent, reflecting the effects of the pause which was then followed by the recovery towards the end of 1976.

Foreign trade O (O)

The November trade balance showed a worse deficit than October's. Calculated tob-tob, it was \$900m.

Influence on the four countries

Monetary and financial: Thanks to the new monetary stability, the fall in interest rates has been able to spread from the United States to Europe. In Britain, minimum lending rate, already reduced from 15 per cent to 14 per cent, has been brought down still further, to 121 per cent. Day-to-day money in France has now managed to remain below 10 per cent for some time.

Economic: After a long wait, Mr Carter has started to give some indication of his plans; an injection of \$30,000m into the American economy over two years, with priority being given to job creation. The United States is therefore well placed to provide the motive force for the western economy. However, it is difficult to assess the likely effects of this decision, since one also has to take account of a spontaneous

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Big brother goes electronic

Increasing concern over the rapid and so far unmonitored growth of international data communications will be high-lighted during the next fortnight by meetings at the

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the Council of Europe.

The first meeting on Thursday at the OECD will debate whether 10 hold an international seminar on the subject this September. The second, on February 14 in Strasbourg, will be the first attempt by a Council of Europe committee of experts and participating observers from non-member nations to draw up a draft international convention on data protection.

Despite the mass of legi-lation now being repared by mos: European nations to curb computer invasion of privacy there is precious little in the way of international law to regulate and protect a company computer operations at an international level. The ibsence of an international

agreem at governing computer networks nd the transmis on of data across rational frontiers affects many computer users. Not only the large compan es and firms oriering international computer civices are involved but also smaller companies, some of which are having their data processed abroad withour being aware

On the one hand, the companies are vulnerable to events and legislation in other countries. It also means that unscrupuious companies can escape strict legislation in their own countries by carrying out their data processing in states where the law is more permissive-the data equivalent of a tax haven.

Next week a Council of Europe committee of experts makes its first attempt at producing a draft convention to resolve some of these problems. with representatives of the OECD, the EEC and non-member nations as observers.

Most of the new national laws and draft legislation can be grouped under the heading data protection. They are designed to prevent harmful misuse of computer data banks referring to named people. The classic example of misuse would be that of a credit checking agency which may transmit erroneous data on a named individual to one of its clients.

The new law look like varying significantly from country to country despite a fair amount of common ground and international cooperation. Though initial legislation will be fairly mild, the gaps and overlaps in national laws will inevitably present legal hazards and administrative problems for organizations using international networks. Any firm with a name-andaddress file may be put in the position of unwittingly transgressing the new

One of the big unknowns facing the experts in sorring out the political, legal and technical ramifications of international legislation is that no one is too sure just how much transfrontier data processing is going on. One thing which is certain is that it is growing

fast. It has been estimated that there are 200-300 private international data networks in use in the western world. Most large multinationals now run complex international networks to control their subsidiaries. Operations such as reservation services for airlines, hotels, hire cars and travel, are by their nature built around a network which transmits and holds information on travellers around the world.

Less obvious examples are the smaller companies which have their data processed, not on their own computer, but on a computer belonging to a service bureau. Some of these service bureaux, in particular the United States-owned firms, but also some European companies, offer a facility where the data input by a user is transmitted for processing to a com-puter centre outside the country of

In some cases, a bureau apparently operating exclusively in its own country will subcontract work to another firm which may process abroad because it is cheaper. Eastern Europe and Taiwan regularly provide cheap card punching for other European and North American firms. United Kingdom firms may be able to process more cheaply in Ireland—and for bureaux with expensive spare capacity dumping becomes possible by way of an international network.

What might cause a hiccup in these smooth flowing international operations is specific legislation by one state or group of nations. The Netherlands will be able to extend national regulations to data processing systems situated partly abroad.

Several countries, including Sweden, France, Austria and Spain, have planned or existing legislation enabling the national authority to restrict or prohibit transborder data movements if there is a risk to the privacy of the people concerned or to the interests of the state.

What some experts fear is that w out an international agreemen country may be tempted to apply national legislation unduly stri either from over-zealous pursuit privacy safeguards or to protect own computer service bureau inda or to influence for whatever rethe operations of a foreign on multinational firm. From a Eurog protectionist standpoint, this prove to be a good idea.

Firms involved in these areas worried but not too concerned at forthcoming legislation. But many I only just started to look at problems. A recent Council of Eur meeting was attended by a legal re sentative of one of the large Un States service companies. Another real difficulty is tha

transborder data network will be; ject to more than one set of natio data protection regulations. In the the new restrictive legislation apply only to name-linked data. It: probably involve the user in check what the data is being used for, accurate it is, who has access to how long it has been on file and so 無知題為所述中國仍然等了 不 對於成樣等異於語

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But the situation could bee complex for any firm which int or exports- and which almost certa therefore has a name-linked sup or customer file. Few question need for data protection laws to guard the individual's rights. By the exporting of data ticable or is prohibited, then removes 80 per cent of the value system for many users of internal networks.

The other danger which faces panies which send their data ab for processing is that they may l difficulty getting their data back. is a more remote but none the real possibility.

A simple example would be general strike in the processing of try-or some other action, civigovernmental, which could not controlled from the user country. Swedes in particular have been : to this problem and postulate a s tion where thousands of their s businesses are unable to fund because they can no longer get at i data. The strategic risks of allowin important part of a country's busi operating data to be held abroad only too obvious.

Risks are also run by state orga tions. Recently a group of old pensioners in one of the major countries failed to receive regular social security cheques. country in question had its comp input cards punched in an Eas European country. On their retur customs officer had retained a han of cards—and the corresponding sioners missed their cheques.

The other side of the data pri tion-the use of countries with per sive protection laws as data have has already received publicity. A man detective agency attempting by-pass impending German legisle announced the removal of its base to Luxembourg.

Any international agreement, as

ing one is reached, on these comissues will have to be a compror between data protection, nati independence and free trade in But at least the danger of a serie independent conventions from OECD, the Council of Europe, EEC, not to mention the Nordic 6: tries and other individual nations receded a little. The OECD, EEC non-Council of Europe members participating observers at the li-

Work is still proceeding on sepa fronts, however, and the Counci Europe is concentrating on str. data protection issues, while the Olis to look more closely at the pre tion of national interests from dangers of storage and processin: data abroad.

Some European officials are opti tic that both member nations and ticipating observer nations, such the United States, Canada and Ja will be signatories to an even Council of Europe convention. Bu only by analogy with the length time it took France to sign the E pean Human Rights Convent others are insisting that it is far f a foregone conclusion.

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ocial policy about to atch a cold

Can we afford all the benefits of the welfare state, when budgets everywhere are in deficit? The blessings of the affluent society now threaten to become a curse. Professor Bruno Molitor, of the University of Würzburg, argues that the time has come for radical change.

is the American economist Pro-John Kenneth Galbraith, in a that rapidly became an internabestseller, characterized the industrial countries as sent societies. With engaging he urged his colleagues in economic drop the old ideas of the drop the old ideas of nic scarcity and the tradicional rations to thrift in dealing with tors of production because these were out of date and to address elves to the new tasks which, intained, were set by the econo-

paradise found " to postulate that the affluent had arrived was rash, to say ast. Today things look very dif-people have learnt differently there. In many European coun-nflation has reached menacing tions. At the same time a type imployment which threatens to sistent has set in. Budgets are singly in deficit. And in many ies growing disequilibrium in lance of payments overshadows er difficulties.

s no wonder that the social y system is also getting into lties. It is being exposed to a test. On the one hand, in condiof high unemployment and to asate for the fall in the value of the rate at which claims are made on the system is rising.

he other, it is becoming increasdifficult, with the prevailing low of economic growth, to finance stem's transfer payments. And despite the fact that the burden ompulsory contributions and taxation on earnings has e so heavy that it is hard to

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essing is threatening to become e. When a system that was used with the aim of providing I security against the risks at in working life and in the economic forces itself becomes ce of insecurity, it is time to the direction social policy is

1 time to time the moral risk en unpardonably disregarded: ial security institution overdoes it may create the very risks set up to combat. This has ie case in regard to unemploynd health. Also, too little attenis been paid to the fact that ve emphasis on security will ally impair the labour mobility we should be increasing if we master the intensifying struclange that is taking place. any countries the attempt to ial security as a conveyor belt

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Fight against inflation comes first

top of the list is the need inflation. This is the first which social battles are being today. Inflation not only ocial progress, it continually nes the real value of what n achieved. To use indexis to attack the symptoms ian the cause; this device has failing that it only accelerinflationary trend.

sal source of the fall in the money is everywhere, as it as been, the public authoritheir colossal deficits. Until are balanced, the situation change. This will be a painful politically. For it can only it the level of claims made on

will have to be reduced.
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speed at which unemployn be reduced is crucially it on the trade unions' wages If we are to return to a of stronger demand for om companies, the advance

in wages must not fully exhaust the advances in productivity which have been achieved. This applies irrespective of whether the company is in private or public hands.

The trade unions must change their priorities: instead of redistribution being the aim, the main goal must be solidarity with those who are no longer or not yet in work Precisely because wages have the economic weight that they do, the wage earner's contribution to combating inflation cannot be smaller.

By contrast, measures to ration scarce jobs, such as are being suggested in West Germany for example (shortening of working hours without a corresponding reduction in pay, early retirement) must be considered a counsel of despair. Such measures result in little fresh recruitment and cause a string of troubles for employer. And, above all, not a single new joh is created.

Lowering the rate of inflation and increasing the level of employmenthave the beneficial side-effects of reducing demands on the social security system and making it easier to finance the system. All the same, such improvements do not remove the need for reform of the social security

A radical study needed for change in course

One cannot escape the fact that the first need is for a radical study of the required change in course. A wellconstructed system of social security benefits is one of the pillars on which social stability rests. Nevertheless, security is not everything. Other pillars are the entrepreneurial spirit, willingness to work hard and effectively and adaptability to the technical and economic forces to which we must have recourse if we are to improve productivity.

A social policy which penalizes individual performance and attacks mobility is in the long run sawing off the branch on which it sits, economically speaking. Paradoxical as it may sound, social stability is in the final analysis only attainable when there is individual productivity and flexibility.

For this reason it is irrational, over the medium term, to go on pouring resources into the existing benefit channels. For the individual, as for the population as a whole, there is greater benefit if the emphasis is switched to an active social policy, namely to greater investment in occupational training and improvement, better opportunities for labour mobility and improved working conditions.

In the pensions sphere proper the technique of collective social security is not everything. Other means of provision are private insurance and individual savings in all their forms. In West Germany these are encouraged by the state through a comprehensive system of premiums and by the trade unions through negotiating contributions from the employers towards employees' savings.

The advantage of these methods for the individual increases in importance with the general level of earnings and the stage of development of the welfare state. Not a universal stew of security for everyone but more pluralism is the order of the day. This presupposes that the poli-

ticians, in an act of self-discipline and also for the sake of the maturity of the citizen, will finally establish an upper limit for the proportion of an employee's earnings that is to be taken in tax and contributions; this limit would serve at the datum for the necessary adjustments to the social security system.
In the future, therefore, increases

in public expenditure could only be considered to the extent that they fell within the limit set by the growth of earnings for the period and the resultant automatic increase in revenue from taxes and contributions, or were made possible by successful rationalization within the system.

The opportunity for the latter should not be underestimated. Collective welfare institutions usually go hand in hand with high administrative costs and the superstructure of officialdom is inclined to favour the roundabout way of doing things.

Reform and stabilization of the social security institutions should follow three guidelines. First, compulsory membership should be confined to those employees who are in need of public assistance. Opening social security to the higher paid and the self-employed merely dilutes its distributive effect.

Second, there should be close adherence to the principles of social insurance. The introduction of a flexible age limit for retirement pensions, for example, is certainly a good thing; but from the technical point of view it must be applied with actuarial deductions for each year's pension drawn prematurely. Politicians who enact benefits that operate contrary to insurance principles —a minimum pension, for instance—bave to finance them from taxation.

Third, to curb the rapid growth of expenditure in the health sector. people should be subject to an appropriate insurance excess, particularly in connexion with the consumption of such things as drugs and medicaments.

It should not be objected that this constitutes a "dismantling of the welfare state". What is involved is neither more nor less than safeguarding resources in less prosperous economic times.

Always out of balance over our state of well-being

In almost all the industrial countries, expenditure on health, pensions, unemployment benefits and family allowances is rising at a faster rate than production: at an annual average of 15 per cent to 16 per cent since 1966 in some countries, such as Belgium, against 11 per cent for gnp. The rate has actually accelerated since 1970 and especially since 1972, with the annual increase in the EEC running at between 15 per cent and 24 per cent (5.5 per cent to 10.5 per cent in constant prices) according to the member states statistics.

Health expenditure has generally shown the highest rates of increase with record peaks for hospital treatment in the region of 25 per cent to 35 per cent a year. The recent economic crisis and the desire of European countries to provide better compensation for the unemployed just when the number of employed paying in contributions is falling and production is in decline have increased still further the burden of social expenditure on the economy.

Although this inexorable rise in expenditure is common to all nine EEC countries, there are areas where policy differs widely on benefits and on the means by which they are financed and the results fall far short of the harmonization aimed at in the Treaty of Rome. These divergences are attributable to the very different national priorities in the various countries, with West Germany, for instance, placing the accent on the elderly while France has concentrated on the family. They are also attributable to the different ages of the insurance schemes and to the disparities between standards of living in the member states and their relative wealth.

The proportions of total expenditure allocated to the various types of benefit and national average per capita payments of benefits, ex-pressed in units of account, still vary widely, as witness the following figures (which take no account of the level of the cost of living in the various countries).

Pensions are largest budget item

In 1975 as in 1970, West Germany headed the EEC table (with 1,415 units of account per capita against 645 five years earlier), followed closely by Denmark (1,387 against 629) while France fell from third position in 1970 (526) to sixth in 1975 (996), overtaken by The Netherlands (1,277 against 501 in 1970), Belgium (1,107 against 484) and Luxembourg (1,106 against 520). France has nevertheless remained well ahead of Britain (578 against 351), Italy (557 against 320) and Ireland (345 against 174).

In all the member states. item in the social budget is old age pensions (36 per cent in Italy, The Netherlands and Denmark, roughly 40 per cent in France, Belgium and West Germany, 47 per cent in Britain and 55 per cent in Luxembourg), followed by health services (from 22 per cent to 30 per cent), which take a much higher share than family allowances, except in France, Belgium and Denmark where the gap is narrower. Apart from the very sharp general increase in expenditure on unemployment benefits throughout Europe (at rates of 30 per cent to 40 per cent a year since 1970) and the rise in pensions in Italy and Britain, spending on health insurance has made the most rapid advance in the Community as a whole (at annual rates of 16 per cent to 24 per cent

What accounts for this explosive expansion of the social services? Since the end of the Second World War, pressure from the trade unions and the influence of socialist or Social and Christian Democratic policies have prevailed upon Europe's governments to make constant improvements to their social security institutions. Whereas they were originally intended exclusively for employed workers and in many instances for the least advantaged categories only, the insurance or welfare systems have gradually been expanded to include the population as a whole.

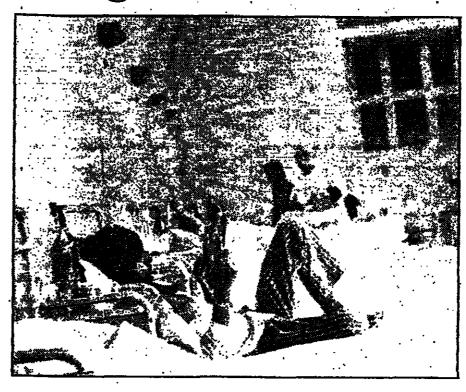
since 1970).

In 1955, 60 per cent, 64 per cent and 80 per cent of the Italian, French and West German populations respectively were covered by compensation or reimbursement schemes, but today between 91 per cent and 98 per cent of these populations enjoy cover against the risks of sickness or

In recent years, even in 1976, further developments have been introduced: family allowances for the first child in West Germany and Britain, unemployment benefit for the selfemployed in Denmark and Luxembourg, sickness benefit for the selfemployed in The Netherlands, health insurance for those serving prison sentences in West Germany and France and, finally, almost everywhere improvement of pensions or the reduction of certain categories of workers' retirement age to below 65.

In addition to these causes of increases in social security payments, there have been other factorssociological, economic and demographic-which have helped to push no costs: increasingly systematic recourse to modernized hospitals, the extraordinary but costly development of medical technology, but at the same time a runaway trend towards indiscriminate and inadequately supervised consumption of health supplies and services.

The increase in the number of doctors' surgeries is not unrelated to this attitude; 20 years ago a visit to the doctor cost the price of a consultation and a few drugs whereas today a consultation with a general practitioner triggers off a series of



laboratory analyses and one or more appointments with specialists.

There are other factors pushing up expenditure, this time the ill-effects of the febrile life we lead in our industrial societies. Whereas tuberculosis costs each subscriber to the Belgian system less than 10 years ago, the price of mental illness is rising (262 Belgian francs a head compared with 99 francs in 1966). In this same country the number of disabled doubled between 1958 and 1974—as a result of accidents occurring not only at work, but also on the road, during leisure activities.

Abuses? Waste? A tribute levied by modern society? These explanations are inadequate. Some of them are even beside the point. One of the main reasons for the rise in expenditure is the aging of the European population, a factor which will be increasingly influential as time passes. In addition to the pensions paid to the elderly, there is the cost of medical care which is between two and three times as bigh as for a working adult.

In Belgium, the proportion of medical insurance expenditure accounted for by the non-working population has risen from 38.5 per cent in 1966 to 47.1 per cent in 1976; in France, 80 per cent of health benefits go to 20 per cent of the insured population, most of them children and elderly people. And the non-working proportion of the population will rise in the years to

But whether it is willed by the national authorities, justified by solidarity between the working and nonworking populations or prompted by a somewhat irresponsible state of mind, this expenditure, by rising more quickly than resources, is and will continue to be, a permanent cause of

to 1980 see a lessening of its weight in relation to production compared with the exceptional year of 1975 (but an increase compared with 1974). The Italian mutual societies are said to be running at a collective deficit of 300,000m lira and the largest of them, INAM, which has three million members, admitted last November that it was no longer in a position to reimburse the 46,000 doctors on its books. In Belgium, the sickness insurance

deficit is expected to be 12,500m trancs by 1978 and, according to some estimates, 58,000m francs by 1980. The West German pension funds are expected to be showing a deficit of DM 700,000m to DM 80,000m by 1980 and specialists in Brussels have come up with a calculation demonstrating that, at the current 20 per cent rate of increase in health costs, German con-tributions would rise to the same level as wages by 1985. In France, according to the latest forecasts, the health insurance deficit will be 50,000m francs by 1985 in the absence of any change in the legislation.

How have the members of the Community reacted over recent years and -more important-what policy are they going to adopt in the future to eliminate all these deficits? With mixed success, they have all mounted campaigns against inflation and unemployment, and nothing solid can be achieved in the social sphere without a sound economic position. In France, for instance, it has been calculated that a one point variation up or down in the number of employed workers corresponds to resources or losses of 2.000m francs.

But also there have been ad hoc measures everywhere in Europe: the reduction of family allowances in Denmark, the curbing of pension increases financial imbalance, even if the years in West Germany, the freezing or reduction of medicine prices in Belgium, West Germany and France, recourse to pay restraint for doctors, public subsidies and a general increase in contributions through the raising of rates or ceilings or even, as in Bel-gium in 1974, the removal of the ceil-ing for benefits in kind.

But it is also admitted everywhere that these measures are insufficient or merely papering over the cracks. Some harsher critics claim that "instead of chipping away here and there, a proper policy on health should be

What can be done in practice? In some countries employers' organiza-rions are calling for a return to the liberal system of insurance, with all citizens receiving a minimum level of cover and households having to decide for themselves whether to meet health costs out of their budgets or subscribe to insurance schemes. But this type of solution involves the enormous danger of increasing social inequality, since only the better off and better educated would set up or join private

The trade unions and many politicians favourable to socialization take the opposite view, believing that the future of the social security system is one of development coupled with adjustments involving higher contributions from the beneficiaries, notably through increased recourse to taxation. In fact, the best informed observers believe that the level of taxation and social contributions has not yet quite reached its limit and the West Germans, in a forward planning document, have announced an increase in contributions by 1979.

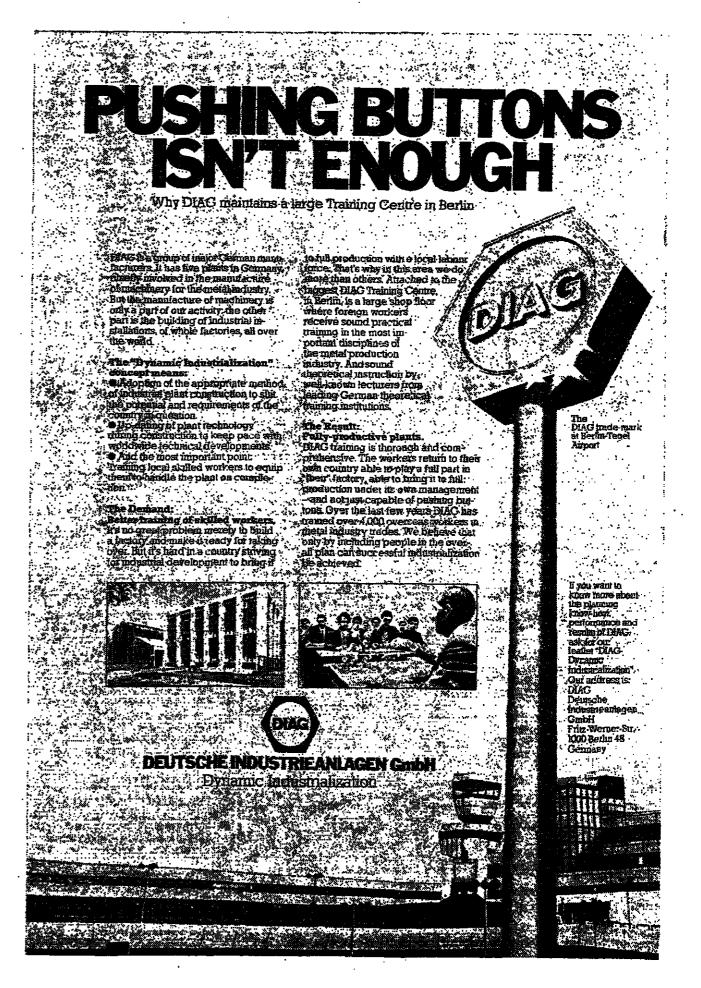
However, these same observers make no secret of their belief that saturation point will be reached shortly, particularly if the shift in the western world's growth rate to the benefit of the Third World is maintained. At Community headquarters and in some governments, the firm opinion is that increasing revenue or curbing consumption of medical services and supplies will only be marginally effective, and only in the short run.

What is needed is radical action to reduce costs and redirect expenditure in hospitals, health centres and general practice. But other more Draconian or restrictive solutions will become necessary. Choices will have to be made between pensions, family allowances and health, while it will perhaps also be necessary to ask whether the maintenance of established entitlements insisted upon by all socio-occupational categories "is not becoming an obstacle to the campaign against poverty".

The first priority, however, is to

make a departure from the approach adopted in several Community countries under which the various budgets of the state and the social institutions are considered in isolation and make an overall examination of the complete pattern of society's expenditure.

Jean-Pierre Dumont



Free trade is main aim

Herr Haferkamp, the new Commission has given you responsibility for the Community's external affairs—to the surprise of many observers. Where do you see the main emphasis of your work in the coming year?

The Community's external affairs are largely economic in character. In the past, as the Commission member responsible for the Community's internal economic policy, I have endeavoured to avert protectionist measures. We were successful in this. During the recession we were able to maintain the common market. Safeguarding and expanding free trade within and outside the Community was and still is my main aim. My work in external affairs is-if you like-a continuation and a turning outwards of my previous efforts within the Community.

The climate in international trade relations has deteriorated. Should the Community revise its largely liberal foreign trade policy in order to safe-

We must liberalize world trade; in other words, we must do all we can to avert protectionism. A wave of protectionism would bring with it the danger of a flood of defensive measures and counter-measures, would weaken the world economy and increase unemployment. Closing markets against each other is no way to solve the unemployment problem. We do not need restriction of world trade but, on the contrary, expansion. Because of the Community's strong integration into the world economy, open frontiers and markets are of particular importance

In trade with, above all, Japan and the United States there are growing imbalances to the disadvantage of the European Community. Will the Commission be taking a harder line with Washington?

I am convinced that the interests of the Community, the United States and Japan, and indeed all the industrialized nations, are basically the same. There is no question of one taking a harder line against another. We are all in the same boat and must act accordingly. Any difficulties we may have that perhaps place us in opposition to each other must be discussed openly and overcome by joint effort. I am confident that we vill succeed in this.

The population imbalance between

countries is going to increase. The

median version of the most recent

United Nations population projec-

tions expects increases of 200 million

in the developed countries and 2,000

the year 2000. If this is confirmed

by events the developing countries

will have 79 per cent of the world

population, a prospect suggesting

serious political consequences, al-

though it is not easy at this stage

to offer any accurate prediction of

Food Conference, an assessment can

be made of what has been achieved

to date in the main areas of inter-

national cooperation aimed at

implementing the resolutions adopted.

tons has almost been reached (the

actual figure being nine million tons),

but bilateral aid continues to pre-

dominate. Another unsatisfactory feature is the ambiguity characteriz-

ing this aid. This takes two forms:

first, even where it is inspired by

strictly humanitarian considerations,

it is always part and parcel of the

political relations between states;

second, even where it does benefit

the target groups aimed at (generally

the most disadvantaged categories or

the people of a disaster-affected

region), it inevitably influences condi-

tions on the local foodstuffs market,

so that it is difficult to prevent it

from exerting an unfavourable effect

on local agricultural production in

In the area of security of supplies,

negotiations are progressing slowly or

not at all. It is clear that some coun-

tries need to increase their exports

of certain agricultural products, if

only to finance their purchases of

others. India, for instance, stepped up

its sugar exports from Rs113m to

Rs 3,390m between 1972-73 and 1974-

75 while its imports of cereals rose

from Rs808m to Rs 7,638m over the

The pressure on the developed countries to allow farm produce greater access to their markets is

therefore considerable and becoming

increasingly difficult to resist. Hence

the mounting pressure on the CAP.

Under the Lome Convention, the

African, Caribbean and Pacific

countries were allowed quotas for exports to the EEC of 350,000 tons

for sugar and 45,000 tons for beef.

In Unctad, negotiations on primary

products, including sugar, have been

above prove accurate, the developing

countries will need to double their

imports of cereals in the coming

decade. To avoid this need, the

countries in deficit would have to

double their overall food production

growth rate, raising it to 4 per cent

a year against the 2 per cent averaged

over the past 15 years and even less

more recently. Were the rate to re-

main at the lower level, the deficit

countries shortage could reach 200 million tons annually. Having spent

the past year in India, I do not think

that an improvement in the growth

rate is out of the question; however, it is very unlikely that it will be

If the IFPRI projections quoted

agreed upon in principle.

the medium or long term.

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In food aid, the target of 10 million

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countries.

Will the European Community succeed in persuading the Americans and Japanese to discipline themselves in their foreign trade policies in order to protect jobs within the EEC? Will the Community be able to hold back the flood of protectionism? Wilhelm Hadler talks to Wilhelm Haferkamp, Vice-President of the European Commission who has just been given responsibility for the Community's external affairs. Herr Haferkamp was born in Duisberg in 1923. After studying economics and social sciences he became a trade union official and later divisional head on the main executive body of the German Trade Union Federation. He was deputy chairman of the SPD parliamentary group in North Rhine-Westphalia.



Attempts to ward off the Japanese export invasion of the European market have so far been only partially successful. What steps does the Commission plan to take if, for example, the talks on limiting shipbuilding capacities finally break down?

We have already had some success in our negotiations with Japan. I am thinking of the steel sector. We also see chances that it will become easier to export motor vehicles to Japan for an extended transitional period after the very strict Japanese environmental protection regulations come into force. On February 7 and 8 we start negotiations on improving the opportunities for exporting processed agricultural products to Japan. We shall be making other attempts in many different sec-

doubled and, unfortunately, the possi-

bility of a fall cannot be discounted.

These observations should suffice to

convince Europe's farmers of the im-

portance of the social role which they

can play in the service of humanity.

the leading exporters of farm produce in the developed world (United

Zealand) are also bringing pressure

to bear. The CAP has long been a bone

of contention in economic and political

relations between the United States

and Europe. More recently, the

protectionism of the CAP has been

the subject of increasingly bitter pro-

While it is admittedly easy to show up the self-interest in these pleadings

in the cause of free trade, the fact remains that the pressure is building

up relentlessly and the CAP could be

the sufferer in the global bargaining

getting under way in the North-South

talks in Paris or the Gatt negotiations.

that the legitimate interests of Euro-

pean farmers are going to be

sacrificed in the name of less legi-

timate interests which have more

powerful means at their disposal. A

compromise safeguarding the essen-

tial interests of European farmers

seems feasible. This would be to allow

access to the European market for

agricultural produce from the tropical

Most of the products in question

offer little or no competition to pro-

ducts from the temperate countries.

In the case of those products which

are competitive, the quantities in-

volved are small measured against the

enormous requirements of the develop-

ing countries. Granted, these countries

are not always solvent and require-

ments which cannot be paid for do not

represent demand. But there is reason

both to fear and hope that the develop-

ment of international relations will

not allow these needs to continue to

go unmet. The developed countries

will have to increase the volume of

their food aid and financial aid. There

is also reason to expect that the grow-

developing countries in world affairs will enable them to find the economic

resources with which to accelerate

their development and so finance at

least part of the food requirements

It is no longer possible for the

western world to adopt the ostrich's

posture and disregard the fare of

threequarters of humanity as it has

done until recently. Obstinate defence

of the CAP is unlikely to carry much

weight under the prevailing con-

ditions, with pressure from both the

developing countries and the exporters

of farm produce in the developed

European farmers, therefore, have

reason to fear the consequences of

the bargaining taking place at world-

wide level. But they also have grounds

for hoping that the developing

countries are going to import food-

stuffs in increasing quantities. It is

no doubt going to be difficult to

finance such imports, but what is the

alternative?

ing political importance of

of the poorest categories.

It would be demagogic to proclaim

Canada,

test from the Australasians.

As well as the developing countries,

Australia, New

tors to open up the Japanese market

to products from the Community. On the difficult question of shipbuilding we have already made a certain amount of progress together But it is certainly not enough. And I should add that the Community does not remain inactive when it finds that the Japanese export offensive is failing to observe the normal rules of competition. In this connexion it has instituted anti-dumping proceedings against Japanese ball-bearing manu-

On the whole I would say that our Japanese partners are just as con-vinced as I am that the growing trend of disequilibrium in our trade relations cannot go on and that we must solve this problem in a way that gives no encouragement to protectionism. The Comecon countries still refuse to recognize the Brussels Commission as a negotiating partner. In these circumstances how can the Community's relations with the East European states be strengthened?

The Community has proposed to the Comecon countries that there should be talks on trade matters on the basis of mutuality. I am thinking of our proposals of November 1974 and November 1976. Now the ball is in their court. We are not concerned with being recognized as a negotiating partner. That the Community as such is responsible for negotiations of this kind is a reality. The Community and Comecon have different structures. Talking with each other is a learning process. We shall make gradual, but continuous, progress.

The European Community is often criticized for concentrating too much on developing close relations with the Mediterranean countries and the former colonies in Africa. Does the Commission plan to start an intensive dialogue with Latin America?

The Community's development policy is not merely regional but world wide. I am thinking of general preferences, customs duty reductions for tropical products, and financial aid and food aid to non-associated developing countries. We shall intensify the worldwide policy of cooperation. In this connexion such an important continent as Latin America naturally deserves particular attention.

The international tariff negotiations within Gatt have not yet got to the heart of the matter at issue. In view of the uncertain prospects for the development of the international economy can European industry hope for better export opportunities?

The Gatt talks must lead to a further opening of markets and expansion of world trade. The closer we come to this goal and succeed in obtaining concrete results in the Gatt negotiations, the better are the prospects for European industry to establish its position in the world economy. A further liberalization of world trade will mean new opportunities for Europe's industry and new challenges as well, of course. But I have every confidence in the quality and inventiveness of our industry, both as regards the firms themselves and as regards their workers.

The Community's influence on Third World countries seems to be stronger than the chances of an inner strengthening of the Community itself. Does your move from economic and financial affairs to external affairs mean that you see more likelihood of political success for yourself as commissioner for external affairs than in your previous department?

That move was approved by the Commission unanimously. As far as political success is concerned, this is not a personal matter for the individual Commission member but a matter for the Commission itself as a Community institution. This success depends on how far the member states are prepared to give Community interests at least the same weight as their own national interests.

Success is sometimes dependent only on whether the member states are prepared to reach a decision instead of continually postponing decisiontaking. I have the impression that the pressure to reach a decision is often more evident in the sphere of foreign affairs than it is in connexion with many internal matters.

Brussels backstage

Le Roy le veult

For months the corridors of Brussels had echoed to the cry: "the British are coming". It would not be too much of an exaggeration to say that panic reigned in some quarters. Who knew the perfidies of which Albion might be capable when dressed in the double authority of the presidency of the European Commission and the chairmanship of the Council of

Well, the British are here, and after some initial alarms life looks like continuing much as before. Mr Roy Jenkins—quickly dubbed le Roi Jean XV (a play on an exaggerated French pronunciation of his name)-is safely enthroned at the Berlaymont, while Mr Anthony Crosland, belying his reputation for being somewhat less than engaged by the European scene, has also made a well-received debut.

The first British presidency has merely added an extra touch of spice to the jockeying for position which usually accompanies the quadrennial reappointment of the Commission. The flavour of the times is best conveyed by the report that the members of the Cabinet, or private office, of one retiring commissioner passed the entire contents of their files through a shredding-machine so loath were they to let them fall into the hands of their successors.

Mr Jenkins's baptism of fire came with the allocation of Portfolios on the long and confused night between January 6 and January 7. Surprisingly enough, the matching of men to jobs which finally emerged makes a lot more sense than that of the previous Commission. How much this should be attributed to beginner's luck or good judgment is not quite clear, but it seems that the six months Mr Jenkins was given to seek advice and prepare the ground were not entirely wasted.

The exigencies of national pride could not be ignored. Herr Wilhelm Haferkamp was hardly the obvious choice for the External Affairs post. Indeed, Mr Jenkins did not want him in the Commission. But with the key economic and monetary portfolio going at French insistence to Mr Jenkins's predecessor, the well-qualified M François-Xavier Ortoli, the Germans had an almost cast-iron claim to one of the other top posts.
Unavoidable horse-trading of this

kind apart, Mr Jenkins is generally credited with some shrewd realignments of Commission jobs. It makes sense, for example, to have given one commissioner, Signor Antonio Giolitti. the Italian Socialist, the task of coordinating the Community's various funds—the social and regional funds as well as the agricultural fund's socalled "guidance" section, which is used to help to finance the modernization of farm structures.

Likewise, few in Brussels would. question the wisdom of fusing responsibility for the EEC's internal market (the dismantling of barriers to trade) and stewardship of industrial policy into a single portfolio entrusted to the capable hands of Belgium's Viscount Etienne Davignon. Putting the Community's energy and research policies under the single charge of Herr, Guido Brunner, the second German Commissioner, was also a sensible piece of rationalization.

So far, the new president has had little time to impress a personal style on the Commission's complex administrative and bureaucratic machine.

Nor has he yet given any clear indication of his policy priorities, apart from a general concern with the recession and unemployment. More details are to be unveiled in a speech to the European Parliament later this month. He has, however, already served notice that he intends to exercise a much closer personal control over Commission affairs than his predecessor.

Jenkins had circulated his 12 colleagues with a series of brisk instructions. All Commissioners were told to make it their business to be present at the Commission's weekly Wednesday meeting or to consult the President in advance if they intend to be absent. By all accounts, attendance has been somewhat lax in the past, with Commissioners casually rolling up long after the starting time in a manner that would not be tolerated at the Cabinet meetings of national governments.

Mr Jenkins also made clear to his colleagues that he expects them to respect the "Cabinet solidarity" of the Commission. This means that once the Commission has approved a proposal by majority vote all of its members will support the proposal in public whether they personally voted for it or not. There is sanction for this "collegiate" view of the Commission in the Rome treaty.

The commissioners were further informed by their new President that on Thursdays they are to be organized into groups to examine selected subjects under the supervision of the Commission's Secretariat - General, which in turn comes under Mr Jenkins's direct control. The purpose of this move appears to be to enable the President to keep track of what is happening in different policy areas.

There has long been a feeling in British circles that the excessive compartmentalization of the Commission's activities has encouraged strong-willed Commissioners, particularly those in charge of highly technical matters such as agriculture, to go their own way without consulting their colleagues, who were consequently ill-equipped to challenge the proposals that finally emerged. Mr Jenkins wants a continuous cross-fertilization

While Mr Jenkins has been estab lishing himself at the Commission Mr Crosland has been showing unexpected signs of life at the Council of Ministers, over which he will preside until the end of June. Hitherto his manner has been one of amused condescension, an unmistakable air of not being able to take quite seriously an enterprise with so many foreigners in it. In short, the Foreign Secretary's low boredom threshold was in constant danger of being

Everyone, however, was quick to acknowledge the high-seriousness of Mr Crosland's address to the European Parliament last month even though the vision of Europe it conjured up was far from heing to everyone's taste. The speech represented the most considered and closely argued exposition so far of the pragmatic" British view of the future of the Community-a view reflected in many British actions but never before elevated to the level of a coherent political theory.

Michael Hornsby

Saints and sinners

Europe, fortunately, is made up of men as well as matter Every month certain people attract attention either becau they are advancing Community ideas or actions, or becau they are retarding them. Based on the criteria of Europe. solidarity and a little subjectivity, we will seek to pinpoi those who have graced or dis-graced the Community



Giorgio Amendola

The reason why, unlike their French comrades, the Italian communists support European elections and European unity was explained by Giorgio Amendola, a member of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) management since 1943, and president of the communist group in the European parliament at Strasbourg, Giorgio Amendola is a confirmed European, for both political and personal reasons.

"My father", he said, "died in exile at Carnes in 1926, after the Fascist aggression. In 1931, when I left Italy secretly, France gave me shelter too. I went back to France, an exile, and lived there from 1937 to 1943, having in the meantime married Germaine, a French girl who joined me during my banishment to the island of Ponza. I took part in the French Resistance. But it was through talking with that great thinker, Romain Rolland, that I came to understand the reasons for a united Europe."

Giorgio Amendola has found his gift for writing at 70, and not only political works. Una scelta di vita, the first volume of his memoirs, is a bestseller in Italy. It won the Premio Prato and is in the running for the Libro dell' Anno, the Book of the Year

award.
"We Italian communists", he explained. "support the decision to elect a European Parliament, even

though the absence of one simple electoral law, based on a proportional representation system, stands in the way of obtaining a democratic result. However, the expression of the people's will may provide impetus for the democratic transformation of the European Community, giving it an internal structure consistent with the . political autonomy of member counDoes not the position taken un by French communists, who oppose elections, damage Europism and P. communism ?

I am president of the Europ Communist Group, but I am explain here the position of the PCI, which different—on precisely this quest of the elections—from the position the French communists. That she not cause any surprise. Each C munist Party follows an independ line, depending on how it views interests of its own country. E communism—as it is improperly ca—reflects this mutual respect. European unity is in a crit position. Why?

Because the advanced degree economic integration that charac izes Europe is not matched by st tures within the Community cap of achieving a Community policy is independent of external press and the manipulation of multinati groups. Decisions are taken by Council of Ministers, where strongest countries—today that m Germany—are able to impose to own policies. France, at present trying unsuccessfully to remai member of a governing body works against the interests of weakest countries.

How can this question of diver interests be improved? Sovereign states cannot, on a

own, solve problems such as the b against inflation, multinational h mail, the sources of energy. Divi munity are subject to heavy pressu France and Germany have o number of occasions been exponents of American inter especially where energy is conce.
(note the failure of the North) dialogue). To combat these press a new power is necessary, which r be the expression of the people's and this new power should also capable of stimulating social char Social Democrats, Liberals, Chris Democrats are going to the Europelections as united groups

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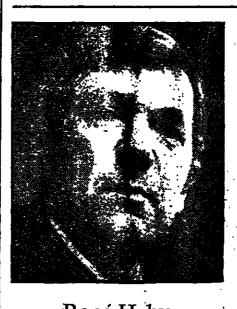
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The time is still not ripe for creation of European parties. Any you have only to look at the di ences between the British Lal Party and the German Social De crats, between Strauss's Chris-Democrats and the Italian Chris Democrats in order to understand ... artificial character of certain a ments, that have purely an tioneering value.

Those are the views of Amendo man whose lot it has been to b volved, as a bystander or playi leading part, in the political cultural events of the past 50 year

Lamberto Fu



René Haby

Praise be for the wisdom of M Réné Haby, the French Minister of Education. Had it not been for the vigilance displayed by the minister and his-department, France's candidates in the 16-19 age group for the twentyfourth European schools day essay competition last month would have been asked to write on the most explosive subject imaginable: direct elections to the European Parliament.

"The citizens of the member states of the European Community are going to elect the European Parliament by universal suffrage. What is the significance of this for your country? the adjust-Analyse and discuss: ments which the political parties in your country will have to make in view of these first elections . . . The new European dimension of each voter's political responsibilities . . .

This "fire-ship" was perhaps judged worthy of an early unsung prophet of Europe, one Friedrich Nietzsche. It was certainly premature at least. To avoid prejudging the opinion of the French constitutional council, which had not yet stated its position, or the parliamentary vote on the subject, the words "are going to ' were changed a week before the com-petition to "may" and all reference to the adjustments which the parties will have to make" was deleted.

But it was still too much. Fearful lest the subject even in its watered down form, should lead to incidents in France's schools where political feeling is already running at fever pitch, the minister recommended that it should be abandoned. The decision to drop it was announced two days before the date of the competition and although it was retained in 11 other European countries, the French candidates wrote on another subject and on a later day.

O fragile European ideal! Who is the evil genius who stifled you so abruptly in the inkwells of France's schools whence you should have sprung like the genie of oriental

legend? His name is M René F And for matters to come to this one of the two demons inhabiting soul had to triumph over the t

The loser was the demon of re: and progress. And yet M Haby; stranger to reform. Since he office on May 28, 1974, his re of the educational system has the burning issue of the day. Pas ately debated, often derided, nevertheless going ahead. Was M Haby alarmed at the

pect of letting France's schoolchil . loose on the topic of another rewhose implications are admittedly youd their comprehension? Bt Europe stands for progress, chimovement of men and ideas, he it that this man of action-box that most European of lands, Lor -whose career has been one of petual motion should not wis much, and more, for his youngers M Haby's other demon, the persuasive of the two on this occe. speaks on behalf of order. Minister of Education has little for rowdyism or anything

smacks of revolution. The ru that a telephone call from a s headmaster expressing misgiving enough to get the incriminated subject reviewed and finally dro tells its own story, even if it it founded. But it would be neare truth to suggest that M Haby daunting visions of MPs banging desks and ministerial portfolios f across the classroom.

Michel Kaj

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OT THE WAY TO HELP TENANTS

nembers of his party go, eter Shore has a fairly open about the private landlord. oes not expect that sector e market simply to wither and he is prepared to conthat not all landlords are ters. In the nature of things difficult for a Labour ter to admit that his party's es towards the private have done much harm priventional demonology in Labour movement is too ful for that—but he has the next best thing in setip a review of the working e legislation in that field. questionnaire asking for ms that was published yes-, raises many radical ideas, sort incongruously with utiful gloss in its preface ing that the Government is red to entertain any pro-, even ones that it had busly rejected so long as maintain "the general ple of security of tenure e tenant in his home ". lough that proviso makes a

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hot dispute. Agencies like Shelter, working close to the tenants whom the Act was designed to help, insist that it has caused a sharp decline in the number of families complaining of harassment and eviction. No effort to solve the problem that does not take full account of the exploitations that often occurred at the lower end of the market in times of acute shortage deserves to succeed. But these gains have been made at a heavy cost.

The harm that has been done is less easy to demonstrate: there are no official statistics of accommodation that has not been offered for rent but which might have been in other circumstances (though the results of a survey undertaken as part of the present exercise may give some idea). But it is a matter of observation that a lively domestic market in furnished flats has become largely a service available to visitors from abroad. The number of private dwellings in London alone left empty for three months or more has risen to 60,000—and many of them stay empty for years on end. It is fair to assume that many of them are empty because of the rent laws. Short of requisitioning, it is academic to debate whether these homes represent waste from misconceived legislation or from the exploitation of private ownership. They should be used —and the growth of squatting, which usually involves people with little to hope for from the council housing department or the building societies, is largely

1974 Rent Act is still a matter of tomers of a healthy system of private rent have been driven outside the legitimate market.

The 1974 Act itself, extending security of tenure to the furnished tenant, only completed a long train of legislation con-cerned with the landlord only as potential oppressor. There are many clogs on the easy renting of housing that fall easily inside Mr Shore's proviso about security of tenure—the cumbersome processes that a landlord entitled to repossess must go through, the limited categories of cases in which special circumstances are held to justify letting for a limited period, the complicated accretion of laws and customs governing the fixing of rents, and so on. The failure in its present form of the rent allowance scheme (taken up by only a third of those entitled to it) is a decisive bar to the creation of a rational rent system. The consultation paper is lamentably cool about arrange-ments by which councils act as agents for the renting of private

But it is the excessive weight given to the tenant's security in all circumstances that most limits the usefulness of the private rented sector. As at every other level, our housing policy heaps benefits, often irrelevant, on the incumbent tenant at the expense of those who seek to become tenants themselves. A major easing of the housing shortage could be achieved by drastically widening the opportunities for a landlord to enter into an agreement with a tenant without signing his

property away for a lifetime.

E PRICE OF AMERICAN WASTE

ht the American energy to the surface. Energy mption has always, howbeen more profligate in the i States than in any other y. Houses and offices are in winter and cooler in er than anywhere else. cans use larger, less efficars than any other people. while, especially under the t of the 1973 oil price there was some shift of n toward the compact car, is better fuel performance. he fashion was short-lived Detroit is once again pro-; and selling "gasoline rs" as it did in pre-Opec

decades this profligacy was ter of purely domestic convely self-sufficient in from indigenous sources. the 1950s onwards, how-American energy consumphas steadily outstripped tic production. This widenap has been filled by s, first from Canada and sels, but now in the main the Middle East. The uences, economic and

ident Nixon reacted to the oil price rises and the evidence of Opec's il power with the much zed Project Independence. n was to restore the States to complete selfncy in energy by the mid-

al, of this shift have been

the weather that has 1980s. The Project though its objectives were subsequently scaled down, must be deemed a failure. The United States is still importing over 40 per cent of its oil requirements and the effective dependence of the entire American economy on Middle East oil producers has increased and will inevitably increase

a sign of how the natural cus-

; There are many factors contributing to this worsening situation. On the side of supply, the development of nuclear power generation has been slower than was forecast. The expansion of the coal industry has, likewise, lagged behind expectations. In both these cases, the increasingly effective environmental lobby has had a significant influence in slowing development. In addition, with its tenacious objections to the Alaska pipeline, the exploitation of those oil reserves has been long delayed.

On the side of demand, the situation has unquestionably been made worse by a deliberate policy of low pricing. The reserves of natural gas have been exploited to the point of exhaustion by the Federal Pricing Policy, under which low prices have hugely stimulated demand. With all oil products, however, the American economy has enjoyed lower prices, and consequently inflated demand, on a scale unknown in other industrial countries. The concepts of energy conservation have played no effective part in official American policy.

The United States is not unique in having failed to develop and implement a coherent energy policy. The European Community thought seriously about the problem in the shadow of the events of 1973. Today, however, lulled by temporary plenty, it is no nearer to a sensible policy than it was then. There is further the danger that, under immediate pressures from the balance of payments, our own Government will give insufficient weight to the arguments for conservation of the North Sea resources.

It is, however, the American energy economy and its imbalance that creates the international problem, because of its sheer size. The effect has been to destabalize international oil prices. It has effectively created the power of Opec by creating the conditions in which a producer cartel can be effective. By tying the American economy to the political: instabilities of the Middle East it has created a whole new dimension of diplomatic and military problems. At an industrial level, also, there is increasing resentment that the American economy is able to produce and compete with the rest of the world from the highly favourable base of cheap energy costs. For all these reasons, the rest of the world must have the closest interest in President Carter's attempts to produce a domestic energy policy which would be more effective than that of his two predecessors.

business operations, loss relief is not available unless a house open to the public can demonstrate that has a good chance of making an overall profit Unfortunately there are only very few houses whose geographical position, size, or addi-tional attractions enable them both

At a result much of the main-tenance of historic houses open to the public has to be financed out of the owner's net income. With income tax rates at their present level it does not really matter much an owner may earn, this sum is unlikely to be sufficient and be

not unreasonable to ask that mainfollow Menumore and will not be awaiting its owner's death to do so.

Yours faithfully, Rockingham Castle, Market Harborough Leicestershire. January 21.

The sale of Mentmore

Sir, Presumably one of the principle reasons why the Treasury refused to accept Mentanore in satisfaction of tax was the colossal expenditure of public money which would be required to run it. As a result, this valuable collection is to be broken up and sold, much of it no doubt to foreign buyers.

Menamore has fallen prey to capital aggregion on death where a combination of the need to find large sums of capital coupled with sheer unpracticability of running a house of this size has forced its owner to liquidate, and the State cannot afford to take it

may raise from their visitors. Because the income tex system is designed to deal with commercial

Polish workers' funds

From Dr G. C. Steel

Sir, We learn from the able letter of Professor Charles Taylor (Ler-ters, January 20) of the plight of the striking and protesting Polish workers whose defence funds have been confiscated by the Govern-

May we ask when the arch defender of such injustices, the ineffable Mr Tom Jackson, will call for a ban on all postal communica-rions to Poland? Or are his conscientions principles too subtly selective for the ordinary person with a straightforward sense of justice to appreciate?
I am, enc,

G. C. STEEL. 14 Rochampton Gate, SW15. January 22.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Bullock Report: factors in choice of directors

NICHOLAS KALDOR.

From Mr S. C. Leslie

Sir, Differences within the Labour

Party about union representation on executive boards go back at least to 1930. Herbert Morrison as Minister of Transport was shaping

the London Passenger Transport

Board, prototype of the party's post-war nationalization schemes. Ernest

Bevin, of the transport union, wanted direct union representation

on the new board. Morrison resisted.

One idea in his mind was that union

nominees as board members could

be so much influenced by their col-

sures as to end up a sort of bosses

an opposite tenor. It was well put by the party's National Executive in

His main reason however was of

transport report to the 1932

"There are two main arguments

from a Labour point of view against the representative idea. The first is

that a board appointed on grounds of ability is likely to be far more efficient, and socialists above all

must keep the communed interest to the fore. Members appointed by

particular interests would naturally

tend to concentrate primarily on pleasing those interests, rather than to be concerned without fear or favour with the general efficiency of the undertaking: their control or indicence by such interest might

be injurious to a proper corporate spirit and would diminish the very necessary feeling of responsibility to the public as a whole. Nor does the appointment of members selected

in a representative capacity, and not primerily or mainly for their personal ability, appear likely to result in the most efficient board for a task which is complex and

highly responsible. ... "
That argument took place in the

context of public ownership, in terms of the interest of the workers

in the efficiency and success of

understanding which comes only

from having personally shared in

The Fulton Report recommended attackments to industry—but the role remains essentially an administrative one: it rarely, if ever, entails discovering what life is like at the sharp end. Three government ministries have accepted an offer made by my own organization, Community Service Volunteers, to release—experimentally, for

to release experimentally, for a period in the first place of half a

year—some of their staff to tackle at ground level the problems they

have been accustomed to deal with

departmentally.

The first of these, a higher exe-

cutive officer from the Home Office, started work two weeks ago

with a refuge for hannered wives to build stronger links with local and central government

and with industry, so as to mobilise resources on their behalf. The one ministry which has so far declined

to participate is saily but not altogether surprisingly—the Depart-

ment of Education and Science.

Yours, etc, ALEC DICKSON

19 Blenheim Road, W4.

The Fulton Report recommended

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Kings: College,

Cambridge. January 27.

conference :

management and workers which has From Sir Archibald Russell, FRS Sir, The Bullock report fails to no counterpart in Germany? Sir, The Bullock report fails to recignize any difference in the decision making process within firms making boiled sweets to Grandma's recipe and those engaged in advanced technology. My own experience covers 50 years in the The conflict cannot be about the division between profits and wages -since this exists equally in both countries. There is however another conflict which is peculiar to Britain: it resides in the choice of decision. latter category during which time the product has shown remarkable change in form, performance and complexity. In parallel company organization has changed, from one privately owned, through various mergers into an amalgamation of five once independent units now forming one large corporation.

I can speak as a former director through each of these stages and finally as chairman of one of the divisions. This background covers intimate contacts with a wide variety of specialist sub-contractors engaged in almost every branch of engineering activity. Furthermore professional relationships include those engaged in similar intercent in those engaged in similar interests in other parts of the world though very often we have been in direct The first significant fact is that

within my corporation, the chairman of the main board and those at each of the divisions started his career as a humble member of most junior grade. Without exception all other members of these boards came from within the organization being selected by recognized ability and established experience, some started as apprentices on the shop floor. I see the same pattern throughout the wide range of sub-contractors in our industry, and I am not aware that the shareholders had any influence whatsoever in the selection of individuals.

Another important point is that Another important point is that those responsible for running an industry that survives only by technical innovation, have always been on the lookout for budding talent. This quality is a complex asset too difficult to define for it demands a combination of skill demands a combination of skill, adaptability, courage and a personality that fits within a team of common trust and purpose. Our directors have by their own efforts promoted themselves. promoted themselves.

Bullock now seems to recommend that such groups of professional experts be in large part broken up and reassembled to include men whose skills, if any, are of an entirely different nature.

This can be seen as an extension into real life of the 'comprehensive' theory of mixed abilities including those lacking any form of proven qualification. Its application would be akin to a total commitment in full scale production without a pro-totype to confirm performance. Yours truly, ARCHIBALD RUSSELL

2 Glendower House, Clifton Park,

From Lord Kalder, FBA Sir,-The violent opposition which the proposals of the Bullock Committee evoked in our industrialists is in strange contrast to the relative calm with which the recent extension of workers' participation to a parity basis throughout industry was accepted by their German counterparts. No one who has had any contact with German employers or trade unionists can be in any doubt that "co-determination" has played a most important role in the success of German industry since the Second World War. For it was responsible for creating a feeling of joint interest and joint responsibility for the success of the enterprise on behalf of managers and workers which did not exist before. As a German trade unionist said to me a year ago, "we quarrel of course bitterly over the division of the cales but we are also seen the cake, but we are also con-vinced that the primary task is to make the size of the cake as large as possible. And that includes working as hard as we can to make

sure that we are never late with deliveries." One wonders why there is so little contact between British and German industrialists, and how our industrialists can be so ignorant of the causes of the success of German industry in the last 25 years, and of the role played by the spirit of cooperation between management and workers which is so sadly lack-ing in this country. Can it be that the true cause of the country. the true cause of the opposition to the BuHock proposals lies elsewhere -in a conflict of interest between

Educating our masters

Sir. In the Armed Forces an offi-

cer's career alternates between staff appointments and field postings, so that his experience combines both

action and administration: no one is a staff officer all his life. A

candidate for the United States foreign service who has worked in the Peace Corps is felt to have the edge on others since this background

may be his only chance of acquir-

ing the peasant's perspective in a Third World country.

These are factors which should carry weight in considering the

education of our masters". It is

apprenticeship in planning and

not just that intellectual excellence.

Staff College courses can produce a civil servant superbly equipped in many ways—but still lacking that insight which derives from having

served, so to speak, in the front line. With the advent of terrorism in Britain, with the pent-up frus-

trations that can erupt on a picket-

line or amongst an ethnic minority,

he may well find himself confronted

with circumstances where the classic

distinctions between administration

and action, between advice and deci-

sion, no longer hold good. In such

From Dr Alec Dickson

between investment at home and investment abroad. To an extent not a statutory limitation; he decided he preferred ministerial consulta-tion with the unions about board surpassed by any country (with the possible exception of Switzerland) leading British firms have concenappointments. Mutatis mutandis, that idea too may have some bearing on 1977 and the private sector. trated in developing production facilities abroad far more rapidly Yours fambfully, S. C. LESLIE, 5A View Road, No. January 28 than their production facilities in the United Kingdom. As a result, the part of world industrial output which is under British control has diminished far less than the share

"their" corporation. In today's mixed economy, and in economic

crisis, the reasoning might be held

to apply to privately owned

companies too.
One other gloss: in the end,
Bevin changed sides. Starutory
union representation might prove

From Mr Christopher Peto of United Kingdom exports in world trade. According to figures given in the June, 1976, issue of the Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin, the Sir, The Bullock report would appear to confirm the dangers which Mr Heath foresaw during the miners' strike of 1973-74; if the value of the overseas production of the 30 leading British multinationals Government capitulated the strength of a minority group outside Parliament would be increased and the authority of Parliament inself underwined. The decision to call a general election was surely was five times as high as their exports from the United Kingdom in 1975—even though the exports of these 30 firms accounted for ver 20 per cent of total United justified on constitutional grounds and the Conservatives' failure to Kingdom exports of manufactures. Most of this is a post-war developsecure a mandate is now proving irreversibly damaging to the cause ment. In Germany, by constast, the great bulk of industrial investment of freedom in this country. has been inside Germany: accord-What Mr Heath sensed then, and ing to a recent estimate, nonnan output under German con-

what we are seeing today, is a threat not only to our economy at home and credibility abroad; the Bullock report, if implemented, would replace the social intertrol is only 37 per cent of German exports.

I am not suggesting that either British company boards or the German boards have acted, or were forced to act, against their share-holders' best interests. It may have been just a fluke that in Germany the best interests of shareholders coincided with the best interests of dependence we have come to enjoy with a self-appointing oligarchy. Moreover, as your leading article (January 27) pointed out, Bullock's proposals would inevitably prejudice the trade union movement's own interests by assigning it an execu-tive role at complete variance with

coincided wish the best interests of the workers while in Britam they did not. The fact remains that over-seas investment is not, in general, in the interest of British workers, its own representative capacity. Ultimately, it would be held responor, for that matter, in the interest of the nation—if it means, as to sible for every lapse in our industrial performance, every setback to our social development. What you some degree it inevitably must, a describe as "the inordinate appe-tite for power that kills" implies a loss of industrial expansion and a loss of potential employment and exports for Britain. It is quite possible therefore that if the Bullock danger recognized by Shakespeare in Troilus and Cressida: mmendations were adopted in Then everything includes itself in full, this would mean a curtailment power, Power into will, will into appente, of the freedom of action of the directors of British industry and

And appetite, an universal wolf, So doubly seconded with will and might force a reorientation in their investment policy. This situation has no counterpart in Germany. Yours faithfully, Must make perforce an universal And last eat up himself.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER PETO, Pembroke College, Oxford. January 28.

From Mr N. J. R. Mullan Sir, The unions seem very keen on the idea of worker directors, and Germany has been quoted as an example of this in practice.

I wonder, however, if they would be as willing to have the rest of German union legislation enacted in this country.

Yours faithfully, N. J. R. MULLAN, 16 Edgarley Terrace, SW6.

From Mr Bryan Askew Sir, Those enthusiastic for the implementation of the Bullock Report would be wise to reflect on the dramstic decline, particularly in the fifties largely under anateur artisan director or committee control, of the Co-op movement. Yours faithfully, BRYAN ASKEW. 27 Golf Links Avenue

January 28. From Mr M. Hobson. Sir, I have read with interest Lord Bullock's recommendations for the inclusion of directors selected from the employees of companies. It is a beguling idea, but I should be very interested to know how many workers, as opposed to trades union secretaries, Lord Bullock included in his committee when deciding exactly what recommendations to

make. Yours faithfully, MARSHALL HOBSON, Dane End House, Barton Mills, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. January 27.

Yarkshire

situations no amount of simulation exercises can be a substitute for the Bath works extension

From Mr. B. G. Horstmann Sir, I refer to an article which you published on Jamuary 29 concerning my company's planning application for an extension of our works and offices and a car park immediately adjoining our principal factory in Bach.

The article suggested that there are the conference of Funish between

was evidence of collusion between the Bath Chamber of Commerce, Council representatives and my company. I vigorously repudiate the suggestion that there has been any collusion at all. The company's pla ning application has been handled in a perfectly normal manner throughout and there is no basis whatever for the inferences which your article attempted to draw.

I would like to place on record the following points concerning our

application: 1. The plans which are the subject of the application were most care-fully prepared and the layout and design is of a very high standard. The details of the plans were modified to respond to the criticisms of the objectors.

2. The extension of the works will allow the company to extend its activities and employ additional labour. The advantage to Bath of additional sources of employment does not need to be emphasized. 3. The company is engaged in a policy of diversification and expansion particularly in the export market. This extension will enable our plans to proceed in the most

conomic way.

I am making these points in order to correct the unfortunate impression that readers may have gained from the article. Yours faithfully,

B. G. HORSTMANN, Chairman, The Horstmann Gear Co Ltd. Newbridge Works, Bath,

Public spending on the arts

From the Chairman of The Arts Council of Great Britain Sir, I should like to associate myself as strongly as possible with the recent plea in your columns from Mr Melcolm Arnold and other distinguished signatories (Letters, January 24) for a sensible, generous governmental antitude to the contract of the contr governmental attitude to the arts. There is no doubt that any drastic curtailment of the grant in real terms would do damage to many institutions laboriously cultivated and would abort many of the encouraging developments of recent

Perhaps the most damaging con-sequence would be a sense of betrayal from the vast army of volunteer workers whose efforts, unpaid, unheralded and unrecorded, are at least as significant a contri-bution as any monetary grant from governmental sources. The Arts Council itself enjoys the assistance of a small battalion of people giv-ing their time and service unstintingly and without any reward or quest for it. Among them are many of the great names in the world of the arts and their skill and judgment assists enormously in the wise distribution of the available funds.

But having said this, perhaps I might utter a word of partial reassurance. I do not myself believe that for the coming financial year Parliament will be asked to vote for a figure which would have a crippling effect, though it may not be possible to avoid some damage. I am confident that the Minister will do his best to ensure at least a standstill figure that takes account of inflation, though it should be remembered that the Arts Council has calculated that the current annual rate of inflation in the arts is 21 per cent, which is higher than the general level.

the general level. The real threat is to future years. There has been no official pronouncement since the White Paper in February, 1976, on public expenditure to 1979/80, which showed a significant control of the showed as significant control of the showed control of significant cut in the grant for 1978/79 and 1979/80. This was qualified by a statement that there would be a further review when Mr Harold Lever had completed his report on the financial problems of the arrs. A year has passed, no more has been heard of this report, and the Prime Minister has said that it is not to be published.

Here I would—on the threshold of my own retirement from the chairmanship—beseech the Govern-ment to maintain a proper sense of proportion. The money is in budgetary terms insignificant. The cut, if made, would in my view be pursuant to a ridiculous principle that economies should be right across the board regardless of the relative size of the expenditure and its rela-tive importance.

The central government subsidy for the arts, of which the Arts Council's grant is a part, represents less than 3p per head of the population per week. In relation to the real need, it is a sadly inadequate amount and that this should be the subject of doctrinaire reduc-Yours faithfully, GIBSON,

Chairman The Arts Council of Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly, W1.

Mr Smith's tactics

From Mr George Ivan Smith Sir, Over the years Mr Ian Smith has had talks or negotiations with many distinguished people, who sought to help him to move towards a settlement just to all Rhodesians and peaceful in its unfoldment. Lord Goodman, Lord Home, Mr Wilson and now Mr Richard are among the many who imagined that they had reached some form of understanding only to find it. understanding only to find

Mr Smith's excuses varied but the hard political fact is that Mr Smith, even before he became Prime Minister in 1964, set himself one single political aim: to entrench white Rhodesian power directly or indirectly and no internal African pressure, and no external pressure would be permitted to take him a fraction of a degree off his projected

course.
The seeming confusions and negative reactions following numerous meetings are not the expressions of a muddled mind but are carefully and cleverly calculated tactics designed to support his olitical aim.

I first became aware of this when, in the years leading up to UDI, I

was the political representative of the United Nations Secretary General and covered that region.

Every act by Mr Smith has been one to fit his plan to divide opposition, African or otherwise. Detentions and releases were devised to diffuse opposition and now the recent attempt to select a "moderate" wing with which to negotiate is in the same class. There is no way in which a peaceful solution can be found unless all African political elements are brought in for negotiations as the

British plan proposed. The African front-line states, Rhodesian Nationalists and Mr Vorster are reported as supporting the British line of negotiation, but Mr Smith alone, using old tactics, falls back on a confusing line that the "Kissinger package" was a form of agreement. Patently it was not. Here is further evidence that Mr Smith is at least consistent in not wanting to be taken off the hook on which he, and now so many otpers quesic

Yours sincerely GEORGE IVAN SMITH, 17 Ashley Court, Morpeth Terrace, SW1.

South Bank parking

From Mrs J. A. Loveless Sir, With reference to Mr Duncan

J. Cardow's letter today (January 27) might it not be suggested that patrons of the Festival Hail, Queen Elizabeth Hall and the National Theatre be allowed to park their cars in the forecourt of County Hall after 6 pm for evening per-formances?

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Yours faithfully. MARY LOVELESS. Applegarth, Palmerston Avenue,

uing Greek r R. E. Witt

is good to know in today's ses that in Britain the teach-Greek is now on the mend. Cambridge project can stop in the classics on this side, ose of us who have laboured cause both as schoolmasters university teachers will

the miracle. vhy "the kiss of life for a inguage"? Ask the many here in London whose lar is Greek what they have shout that. Walk the streets ngey and gaze at the shop s with all the Greek names. e Orthodox churches up and

Britain and listen to the it about time to recognize language now in need of really lives? And on the the people (many of them our midst) who call them-fiellenes, as did Plato and es. Why not consult them ian we apparently do about

thods of learning classical aithfully, III. as House, s's Street, SWI.

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nt on Authority is neither or less than the other two Eucharist and the Ministry should have come first!). I number of prelates and ans on either side, and d by both Rome and Canteras issued a document on hey agree but which does mit their Churches as such. tatement open to discussion nas already begun in your and will, without doubt, e as long as you allow it main argument will b

Truth to "guide you into Truth of Christ has been sed by the successors of and the other Apostles to

principle and practice. glicans and Catholics believe

t's promise to send the Holy

whom it was promised, in council together (beginning with Nicea, 325) and, very rarely, by Peter's successor alone, though never without the fullest consultation with his fellow bishops.

Such proclamations : on faith and morals) proclaimed by the Bishops (of Rome and the rest) are accepted by Catholics as guaranteed by the Holy Spirit as true without doubt. In our theological jargon, "infal-

libly " true. Most Anglicans would accept Conciliar and/or Papal pronounceconciliar and/or Papar pronouncements on basic Christian doctrines as "infallibly" true, because they are founded in Holy Scripture. But where there is little or no Biblical support (eg. the Marian beliefs of Catholics) will be our "agree to disagree without being disagreeable". In 1950 the Assumption was described see the assumption was described as a mere assumption.

An Anglican priest friend told me
he believed it, but not because the Pope said so. I said that was the only reason why I did.

GORDON ALBION, Sutton Park Guildford, Surrey. January 25,

From Mr Michael Watson

Menemore, as far as I am aware, was not regularly open to the public, and therefore not very well known, but there are many more houses which are born open and well known, the cost of maintaining which fer exceeds any revenue they to draw and handle the enormous crowds needed to generate sufficient income to satisfy this commercial test.

is forced to draw annually on his diminishing sources of capital. This is a situation which cannot continue

indefinitely. Where a historic house and its contents are being maintained and enjoyed by the general public ar no cost to the State, it is surely tenance costs should be offset against income before tax. The plain facts are that unless some such relief is granted, more and more of Britain's heratage will MICHAEL WATSON,

From Mr Harry Calvert Sir. I follow the debate about coal in the Vale of Belvoit, which is, no doubt, a beautiful stretch of countryside, with some imperience. Although it may surprise your readers to hear it the Rhondda Valley is also beautiful, yet its further despoliation excites no com-

Coal in the Rhondda

ment whatever.
The inhabitants of this village would happily sends for open cast mining as an alternative to adding a few more millions of tons of rubbish to the hip which already dominates it. Our neighbours a

those windows were blocked with slurry and the bouses abandoned a couple of months ago. What is happening here is much worse than anything projected for the Vale of Belvoir. Unfortunately,

tides and hunting bink are pretty thin on the ground and we need to import an inflential champion. Will David Wood please volunteer? YOURS REC. HARRY CALVERT.

mile up the road would love to gaze out of their windows at earth-moving machinery—unfortunately,

The Old Vicarage, Hogykanstonen, Poncypeidd, Giamorgan,



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 31: The Princess Anne,
Mrs Mark Phillips, President of
the British Academy of Film and
Television Acts, and Captain Mark
Phillips were present this evening
at the Royal Charity Premiere of
the film White Rock, in aid of
the British Academy of Film and
Television Arts, at the ABC 1
Cinema, Shaftesbury Avenue.
Major Nicholas Lawson and Miss
Rowena Brassey were in attendance. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

YORK HOUSE January 31: The Duke of Kent today opened the Wembloy Con-ference Centre. Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in artendance.

There will be a memorial service for Lord Silsoe on Monday. February 7, at 4.30 pm at the Temple Church.

The Scout Association's Fleur de Lys Ball will be held on Wednes-day, May 25, at the Savoy Hotel.

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir Norman Dalton.
73: Professor Sir Samuel
Edwards, 49: Mr Robert Cittings,
66: Mr Leonard Gribble. 69: Sir
Douglas Hall, 68: Lord Johnston. 70; Sir Jack Lyons, Stanley Matthews, 62. 61 : Sir

Christening

The inform daughter of Major and Mrs James Pollard was christened Benita Jane Margaret Bentinck in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, by the Rev R. T. J. K. Wood, Chaplain to the Household Division, on Sunday, January 30. The godparents are Major-General J. C. Robertson, Mr David Simonds, Mr John Pettit-Mills, the Hon Mrs Humphrey Humphreys, Mrs F. W. R. Fisher and Mrs Jane Foulkes (for whom Miss Lorna Cox stood proxy).

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales, as chairman presides at meeting of King George's Jubilee Trust (for Youth) administrative council, 8 Buckingham Street, 11; later, as retiring president of Lord's Taverners, attends private luncheon to welcome his sucessor, Mr Eric Morecambe, Lan-caster Hotel, 12.30.

Exhibition: Kings and Queens and Flying Machines, RAF Museum, Aerodrome Road, Hendon, 10-6. School of Music String
Orchestra, Bishopsgate Hall,
1.05-1.50,

Jubilee souvenirs

The Prince of Wales, chairman of the Design Council's selection committee for jubilee souvenirs, has agreed that manufacturers may submit further items until the end of May.

yesterday in honour of M Claude Cheysson, a member of the EEC Commission, with direct respon-sibilities for development policy. Other guests included: Herr Dieter Frisch, M P. Scubesure, Mr Mainter Foley, Mr John Tomlinson, MP, Mr C. W. Pogard, Mr J. L. F. Buist, Mr R. L. Baxder and Mr J. M. M. Vereker. Royal Over-Seas League The Chairman of the Royal Over-

Mr Frank Judd, Minister for

Overseas Development, was host at a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel yesterday in honour of M Claude

Luncheons HSI Government

The Charman of the Royal Over-Seas League, Lord Grey of Naunton, and members of the central council entertained the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster at luncheon at Over-Seas House, St James's,

Labour Friends of Israel Mr Yitzhek Ben-Aharon, of Israel, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon held at the speaker at a luncheon held at the House of Commons yesterday by the Labour Friends of Israel—Parliamentary branch. Mr Eric Heffer, MP, presided, and others present included:

Wr Richard Clements, Mr Marten Cohen Mr Lawrence Daly, Mr Ron Harward, Mr Leslie Ruckfield, MP, Mr Zul Kedar, Minister, Embarsay of Israel, Mr Torence Lancaster, Mr Thomas Litterick, MP, Mr Ian Mikardo, MP, Dr Maurice Miller, MP, Mr Owen O'Brien, Mr Binwamin Shuch and Mr Edwin Walmwright, MP.

Thanksgiving service

Baron Britten of Aldeburgh
A service of thanksgiving for the
life and work of Baron Britten
of Aldeburgh (Benjamin Britten,
OM, CH) will be held in Westminster Abbey on Thursday,
March 10, 1977, at noon, Applications for tickets from official
representatives and personal
friends should be sent in writing,
enclosing a stamped, addressed
envelope, by not later than
February 28 to Miss Rosamund
Strode, The Red House, Aldeburgh, Suffolk IP15 SPZ, Tickets
will be posted on or about March
4. Seats will be available for members of the general public without
tickets, Baron Britten of Aldeburgh

Marriage

Mr H. A. Dawson and Miss P. K. Free

and Miss P. K. Free
The marriage took plate at
Chelsea Town Hall yesterday
between Mr Henry Arthur Dawson, First Avenue, Ikeja, Lagos
State, Nigeria, formerly Pathhead,
Edinburga, and Miss Patricia
Kathleen Free, eldest daughter of
Mr and Mrs G. W. Free, Kingswood, Kingsdowne Road, Surbiton,
Surrey.

Latest appointments Latest appointments include:
Lord Arbuthnott to be Lord Lieutenant. Grampian Region (Kincardineshire) in succession to Mr G. A. M. Saunders, who has resigned.

Mr Wilfred Turner has been appointed British High Commissioner to the Republic of Botswana in succession to Miss E. J. Emery, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service and will leave Gaborone at the end of April.

Prospective candidate Mr Michael Reilly, aged 27, a soli-citor, has been selected as pros-pective Labour candidate for Cheltenham. At the general elec-tion Mr Charles Irving (C) had a majority of 8,454 in a three-cornered fight.

Junior Carlton Club The political council of the Tunion Carlton Club gave a reception yesterday evening to Mrs Margaret MP, members of the Cabinet, leading indus-Shadow Cabinet, leading industrialists and members of the parliamentary lobby. The guests were received by Mr John Corbett, president of both societies. Those chairman of the club, and Mr Cyril Norton, chairman of the political council.

Dinners

Reception

HM Government
Mr. Anthony Crosland, Secretary
of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday
at a dinner at 1 Carlton Gardens
for the visiting Foreign Ministers,
Ministers of State and political
directors attending the EEC Ministerial Political Cooperation Meeting in London.

European-Atlantic Group and British Atlantic Committee The European-Atlantic Group and the British Atlantic Committee held a dinner for the Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Frederick Muiley, at St Ermin's Hotel, last night. The chairman was Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, chairman of the group, and among other speakers were Sir Frank Roberts,

present included:
The High Commissioner for Maurithus and Lady Trelock, the Norweglan Manager of the Property of the Norweglan Commissioner for Maurithus and Lady Trelock, the Norweglan Manager of the Property of the Manager of the Property of the Marshal Cartin, Sir Frederic Bannett, Mp. and Antony Burk, Sir Eric Berthoud, Mr. Antony Burk, Sir Eric Berthoud, Mr. Antony Burk, Sir Frank and Lady George Groups of the Marshal Sir Neith and Lady Cameron, Mr. Marshal Sir Paurick Dunn, Sir Geoffrey de Prettas, Mp. Malor-General and Mrs N. Si. C. Gribbon, Mrs Rufta Griffishs, Mr Hagh Hanning, Sir Edward Hullon, Lady Hullon, Princess G. Inerethisky, Lord and Lady Laybon, Air Marshal and Mrs G. C. Lamb, Vice-Admiral Sir Ian and Lady McGooch, Mrs Frederick Mullor, Rear-Admiral M. Morgan-Gless, Mp. Prince Wladislaw Puxyna, Lady Roberts, Sir Richard and Lady Sykes.

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Art during the week beginning 2nd May, 1977.

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property for sale should contact Philippa Vaughan

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The closing date for entry of property for this series of sales is February 25, 1977.

or John Siudmak at the address below.

Cub Captain R. C. Freaker, Captain of the Southampton Master Mariners' Club, presided at a sea-pie supper in Southampton yesterday evening. The Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, Admiral Sir Terence Lewin, was the principal speaker and guest.

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Trinity C. Cambridge: Mrs L. Satenffe,
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Mr Tom McGuinness, a miner from co. Durham, at Bramptons Gallery, London, yesterday, where his paintings and drawings will be on display from tomorrow.

Top bridge places go to overseas pairs

By Our Bridge Correspondent Overseas pairs took the first five places in the fourteenth annual Sunday Tirzes international bridge championship in London during the past three days.

the past three days.

The final rounds were among the most exciting in the history of the tournament. With two rounds to play only three points separated the three leading pairs. The Danes, Werdelin and Moeller, who had led throughout the second day, were still in the lead with 160. One point behind them were the new Olympic champions, Chagas and Assumpcao of Brazil, and two more points behind were the leading French pair, Boulenger and Svarc.

The Danes and Brazilians met in the penultimate round and the Brazilians won 14—6 to take a lead of seven points over the French, with the Danes a further two points behind.

points behind.

In the final round the Brazilians appeared to have the easiest task, since they were opposed by a German pair occupying fifteenth place out of 16. However, the Germans exceeded expectations to score a surprising win 15—5 while both the French and the Danish pairs won 14—6.

The final leaders were: 1, Boulenger and Syarc (France). Boulenger and Svarc (France), 12; 2, Werdelin and Moeller (Den-

12; 2, Werdelin and Moeller (Denmark), 180; 3, Chagas and Assumpcao (Brazil), 178; 4, Sunderlin and Flodquist (Sweden), 163; 5, Morath and Gothe (Sweden), 162; 6, Shenkin and Rosenberg (Scotland), 158, Shenkin and Rosenberg, last year's winners, were the only British pair to mount a serious challenge, though Miss Nicola Gardener and Mrs Sandra Landy, the first women's pair to earn an invitation to the event for 10 years, stayed in the first half of the field for most of the competition and ended in a creditable eleventh place.

and Dr S. Goodman

The engagement is announced between Charles Robert, third son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Thacker, of Salisbury, Rhodesia, and Sarah, between Stephen, son of Mr and is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and is between Stephen and Mrs. C. Thomas and Mrs.

Forthcoming 1 marriages

Mr M. G. Hay and Miss A. Mackenzie Stuart The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs G. R. Hay, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Amanda, eldest daugh-ter of the Hon Lord and Lady Mackenzie Stuart, of Rodenbourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Mr A. J. Feilden and Miss R. J. Brassey

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The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Major-General Sir Randle and Lady Fellden, of The Old Manor House. Minster Lovell, Oxfordshire, and Rowena, daughter of the Hon Peter and Lady Romayne Brassey, of The Close House, Barnack, Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Mr R. Brett and Miss J. Edwards

The engagement is announced between Robin, eldest son of Mrs Margaret Brett, of Ivanhoe, Victoria, and the late Professor Peter Brett, and Jane, elder daughter of the Rev P. O. C. and Mrs Edwards, of Thorpe Waterville, Nachamatonchine

Mr C. I. C. Cole and Miss A. B. Lyle and Miss A. B. Lyle

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr Ian Cole and of Mrs Derek Mangnall and stepson of Colonel Derek Mangnall, Bradley Court, Chieveley, Berkshire, and Anna, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Keith Lyle, Cherry Croft House, Kingwood Common, in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr J. S. Eyers and Mess A. H. Vaughan-Fowler The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs E. Eyers, of Mosman. Australia, and Alexandra Hilary, eldest daughter of Group Captain and Mrs P. Vaughan-Fowler, of Wrenwood, Boars Hill, Oxford.

Mr N. Marden
and Miss M. G. Glover
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Marden, of Combyne, Axminster, Devon, and Melanie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Glover, of Burwash, Sussex.

Dr C. R. Thacker

Mr F. Cavazza and Miss P. M. D. Selby The engagement is amnounced between Fabrizio, elder son of Mr Ellis Novello dei Conti Cavazza, of Rome, and Pameia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Selby, of Mengiham House, Hayling Island,

Mr A. G. Bailey and Miss E. J. Mortimer A marriage has been arranged and will take place in Cape Town on February 26, between Gerald Bailey, formerly of Islington, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs Roger Mortimer, of Askett, Backinghamshire, Their future address is 17 Aandwind Street, 7945 Kirstenhof, South Africa.

Mr T. Dodwell
and Miss L. Barnfield
The engagement is announced
between Toby, only son of Mr and
Mrs C. B. Dodwell, of Balcombe, Sussex, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. T. Barafield, of Ferndown, Dorset.

Air C. J. Saunders and Miss H. A. Priestley The engagement is announced between Christopher John, only son of Mr and Mrs A. A. Saun-ders, of Heaton Moor, Stockport, and Heather Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Priestley, of Woodford, Cheshire.

J. Goodman, of Tideways, Creeksca, near Burnham-on-Crouch, the late Mr M. Rheam and Mrs and Philippa, younger daughter of the late Mr M. Rheam and Mrs Rheam, of London.

Church manpower warning

The Church of England might be facing a severe manpower shortage, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr Coggan. said vesterday. The number of men wanting to be ordained last year was the lowest on record, and the

number ordained to the stipendiary ministry was the lowest for 25 years.

"If these low numbers con-tinue the church will face a man-

power shortage of considerable

whole of its illuminated hemi-sphere. Its distance was 1.68 astro-

sphere was presented towards the Earth. The distance, however, was

in April.

The "half-moon" phase last 1st; 2 month could have been observed 37°; or with a small telescope, say two only inches in specture and magnifying many

Correspondent

magnitude", he says in a per-sonal letter to all clergy. "I take the unusual step of writing to you in this way because I wish to share with you a matter which I believe is of crucial

responsibilities that many of you have undertaken, and I am concerned that your future ministry should not be imperilled by any further overloading of responsi-

bility through lack of manpower.

importance to us both. "I am aware of the extra

other nominations are Mr Philip

Nightly reports of the proceedings of the General Synod of the Church of Eagland, in the week beginning February 14, will be broadcast for the first time by

By Our Science Editor

By Our Science Editor
Startling evidence on late Stone
Age smelting, which may necessitate the rewriting of the early
chapters of European and Middle
East history was presented in
London yesterday by Professor
Beno Rothenberg, director of the
London-based Institute for Archeomentification.

underground copper mining network dated at 1300-1200 BC.
Some of the new exploration
methods were employed in Huelva
province in southern Spain to uncover workings that have avoided
detection hitherto. The copper
mining and smelting methods
differ from that at Timna. But
the sites are associated with
Megalithic burial remains.
Professor Rothenberg speculated

Agee, Mr Clement Freud, MP, and Mr Arthur MacDonald, a jounal-Synod broadcasts

Mr J. R. Astor and Miss K. M. Darell The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the Hon John and Mrs Astor, Kirby House, Inkpen, near Newbury, Berkshire, and Katherine, daughter of Brigadier Sir Jeffrey and Lady Darell, of Denton Lodge, Harleston, Norfolk. Discovery of Stone Age Stone Age Smelting in Israel

metallurgical Studies.

The discoveries at Timna, in the

Nezev desert. Israel, mean "a Ager desert, israel, mean "a complete revolution in our ideas about early mining technology", he stated. The finds were made by an international expedition, including scientists from the British Museum, Lordon, Oxford and Newcastle universities, several American, universities, and the American universities and the German Mining Juseum of Bochum, Separate dis overies were

at Rio Tinto in Span.

What they have found are the oldest copper mines and copper smelters, believed to have been in use in 4,000 BC, that is 2,000 years earlier than the earliest workings workings also accessed. known workings, also excavated under the direction of Professor

and Miss C. M. S. Powne
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Glebe House, Upton Pyne, Devol. and Cecilia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. M. F. Powne, of 2 Richmond Hill, Bath.

Mr M. Rowland and Miss E. M. Cleary
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Squadron Leader and Mrs B. Rowland, of Ferndown, Dorset, and Eileen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs
J. Cleary, of Leeds, West Yorkshire.

the equally startling findings at Timna. For the site in the Negev has been the most weil-known early copper mine, and was the place where Professor Rothenberg uncovered in 1974 an elaborate andersymmetry.

Professor Rothenberg speculated yesterday that the dating of the copper mining 6,000 years ago may provide an explanation for the activities of the people who created the Megalithic structures.

Dundee rectorship Miss Fiona Richmond, the actress

was no doubt among his contemporaries that he was a future
CAS, an opinion that was confirmed later during his tenure
as the last. AOC Middle East.

from 1947 to 1950.

A Scotsman, he was educated at King William's College and served during the First World War in the Middle Eastern theatres and on the Western Front, gaining his MC in 1918.

During the Second World War he served in the Middle Eastern he served in the Middle East, Maj-General Thomas Heward

Brigade, died on January 22 at the age of 59. He was Deputy Army Commander in Ireland 1970 and Chief of Staff and Deputy Director of Operations. Northern Ireland 1970-71

I should have done nothing." The merits of corporal punishment for children, for which Dr Johnson argued so firmly, have been discussed from that time to this. Under the last government a Labour member raised the matter in an adjournment debate, saying that corporal punishment terror-

able service was on the Strate on the Financial Rela between the University and Colleges, which reported Yvonne Arnaud's "I hav idea" just when one had he that everything was ni settled will occur to man remembering Marjorie lond. Filled with ner energy, she was a slave-d (but drove no one harder herself): she could be he ing, infuriating, madden unpunctual, given to st prejudices and exaggerat which often obscured her ability: she could be a and loving friend, doing, her husband, countless obscusive deeds of great ness, taking infinite pain others; she was a second others: she was a su hostess who could make

university methods. With mind of a trained econon, and with wide professional

social contacts, Marjorie I lond was just the person

steer college finances at juncture: she had too a mag touch with investments. work in drafting the statutes of the College.

which her husband was preside

into service) must be rembered: these might indeed called the Hollond statuted in 1951 Marjorie Hollond put on the Financial Board

which she served with g profit to the University 1962, acting also on a

range of subcommittees, inc ing the Investments Commi-and as Financial Board re

sentative on the Madingley Council. Perhaps her most

women, and remained so until her retirement. As a supervisor site displayed wisdom and great tolerance in her dealings with her students, and her talks were always of absorbing When war came, she was immediately assimilated into party go. She was a non smoker She had a passion riding, sublimated in years into driving a pow later Assistant Secretary, at the Ministry of Economic Warfare. In 1943 she was seconded for four months to serve with the UK Mission at a Food and Agricar: a passion for things sian and Chinese of the ton and she acted as Economic Advise: to the Ministry of able artistic taste and I ledge; hosts of friends a wide acquaintance with p college as Bursar, extricating herself with difficulty from the Civil Service, in 1946, and held Morocco, Russian Central.

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Marjorie's traveller's

(and adventures accuse her) were, like so much opersonality, enchanting dark good looks increase yet greater distinction as grew older. Sometimes in bridge she was referred the Balkan Queen.

SIR ANDREW HUMPHREY

Marshal of the Royal Air In this post he was intim

OBITUARY

had a distinguished career at Cambridge University as an economist and a Fellow of

Girton College, died on January 30. A PhD from Columbia

University, United States, sne made a striking impact on Cam-bridge circles of the 1920s. Tall,

slim and elegant she certainly: differed from the popular con-ception of the woman don. Undergraduates trooped to her

lectures to admire her and her hats (women did not as yet wear academic dress).

In 1929 she married Henry Arthur Hollond, Rellow of Trin-ity College, Reader in English

Law, subsequently Rouse Ball Professor and for four years

Vice-Master of his college. This

union was a lastingly happy one until his death in 1974. They lived until the war in West Lodge, Downing College,

West Lodge, Downing College, and after the war in their respective colleges.

The then Marjorie Tappan started her Cambridge career in 1923 as Director of Studies in Economics at both the women's colleges. This post she hold at Newman College for 10 years: at Girton, where she was made a Fellow in 1924, until her retirement in 1963. She was appointed a university

She was appointed a university lecturer in 1926, when these lectureships were first open to

government work, first at the Treasury. then as Principal,

culture Conference at Washing-

She returned to her own

this mitice with distinction until

her retirement. When women were admitted to full member-

ship of Cambridge University in 1948. Girton acquired full status as a college of the university. This entailed reorganization of the college accounts and of

Interest.

Agriculture. 🕆

MRS MARJORIE HOLLOND

Distinguished Cambridge career Mrs Marjorie Hollond, who much else, to fall into line w

Force Sir John Grandy, Governor of Gibraltar writes: The death of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Andrew Humphrey at the early age of 56 is a tragedy of far reaching consequence. After thirty eight rears of diverse experience and responsibility in the Royal Air Force culminating in two years as Chief of Air Staff, he had been Chief of the Defence Staff for only three months.

that were to be found in the public figure he later became; his modesty, his consideration for others, his sensitivity and his warmth. He fought in the Battle of Britain and later served in a wide variety of flying and staff appointments during and after the war. He was Senior Instructor at the Royal Air Force Flying College between 1953 and 1955, and he is remembered by his students as a resolute, tough instructor and one always reluctant even in the small hours to abandon a discussion on flying and operational problems.

Very significant for the Service, was his work in the Opera-

tional Requirements branch to ensure that the prototype Lightning became a successful frontline fighter aircraft. He insisted on testing and refining his ideas in the air in what was for those days an exceptionally advanced aircraft. For this outstanding work he was made a CB whilst still a Group Captain, an honour of rare exception in the Service. Andrew Humphrey next commanded the very busy airfield at Akrotiri while it was being developed from virtually a tented camp to the huge permanent base it later became. Following this he served as the RAF Director of Defence Plans, during what was to be a very difficult period. By now there was no doubt among his con-Andrew Humphrey next com-

concerned in the withdi from Aden, particularly crucial air transport aspec

regarded as something as AMP and then as AOC Strike Command, he appointed CAS in 1974. By he had developed a deep cern about the increased up of Soviet forces and ability to defend ourselves

A member of his pre-war ability to defend ourselves cadet entry at Cranwell has he said so at moment.

He said so at moment. and at times when s would not have been criti But these strong views we an obsessive focus; his pe tive took in the complex terns of modern history, extended forward to E the trends that he believe. meet. In that sense he strategist; but he was i dogmatic one. He had se obvious willingness to that even the most junior. colleagues found him ren to their ideas.

Always a very active.
Andrew's very close in in the RAF Athletics Astion kept him in touch with sport he had loved since. well days, and in the nine of his presidency the RAF-never lost the Inter-Se Championships.

I said that his loss is and so it is. He would brought to the onerous p CDS the wisdom, know and experience that stem long service and great r sibility. He was emi fitted for the role, not or cause of his background far more than that, he tenacious and penetrating a comprehensive grasp & inter-Service understand the immense problems those responsible for or fence policy today. Thos guide defence in Whi incisive and inspiring in

High Commissioner and

He was made a CBE is and KBE in 1949. He had

made a CB in 1946. He min 1920, Dorothy Hadden

Lady Mount, widov Colonel Sir Alan Mount

CBE, RE, died on January the age of 98. She was Ma Sybil, daughter of Col E. I.

They had three sons.

LIEUT-GEN SIR A. GALLOWAY

Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Galloway, KBE, CB, and afterwards in Italy.

DSO, MC, died on January 27 at the age of 81. He was a former GOC-in-C, Malaya, and was High Commissioner and C-in-C British Troops in Austria

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Acton, CBE, late the Rifle

25 years ago

Hunt, and she was marri 1905. Her husband, som Chief Inspecting Officer of ways, died in 1955. izes and demoralizes a chile the then Parliamentary Sector to the Ministry of Education From The Times of Thursday, Jan 131, 1952

School discipline

"My master whipped me very well", said Dr Johnson of his schooldays. "Without that, sir, I should have done nothing." The state system. Public opinion state system. Public opinion

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Overseas Bankers Club The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were present at the annual dinner at Guildhall yesterday evening. Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of Vice-President of the Deutsche Bundesbank, were the principal guests. Sir John Prideaux, president of the club, presided. Southampton Master Mariners'

Gray's Inn The following awards are amounted by Gray's Inn:

Aikin Scholarship and Holker Senior Award: M. Hulholland, Keble C, Scholarahip and Macaskie Award-J. Rudkin Jones, London Univer-Band Scholarshin: B. D. McCiure. Birkemhead Ambridge. lare C, Cambridge, Irkenhead Award (shared) and Macas-de Award: J. A. Phillips, Fitzwilliam Birkenhead Award (shared): N. E. Underhill, New College, Oxford, Holker Sealor Award, Arden Prize and Moot Prize; I. L. Croxford, Leicester University.

it on the 24th.

Saturn will reach opposition on the 2nd, when it will cross the meridian close to midnight with a magnitude of 0.1. Moon near it on the evening of the 3rd.

Uranus and Neptune are morning objects rising at about 01h and 03h respectively, but are not visible to the naked eye.

The Moon: full, 4d04h; last quarter, 11d04h; new, 18d04h; first quarter, 26d03h. the moon: the state of quarter, 11d04h; new, 18d04h; first quarter, 26d03h.

Algol: approximate times of evening minima are 3d24h, 6d201h and 26d22h.

Mira in Cetus is visible to the naked eye. At the time of writing it is slightly fainter than 3rd magnitude but may be expected to begin to fade during the month.

As an evening star Venus received its first mention in this column last July, "... too near the Sun for observation", and in August "... sets less than an hour after the Sun". The planet was emerging from superior conjunction, and being on the opposite side of the Sun from ourselves was presenting nearly the whole of its illuminated hemi-

Christi C, Cambridge: R. L. Sherman, Leeds University.
Band and Lee Prize: A. J. H. Martin, Josus C, Cambridge.
Moot Prizes: I. L. Cravford Leicoster University: D. W. Hattom, Briester University: Miss H. M. Wilson, Newnham C, Cambridge.
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Uthwant Scholkrander. J. E. Pugh Smith, Regent's Park C, Oxford
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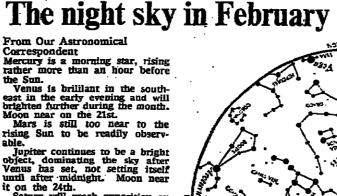
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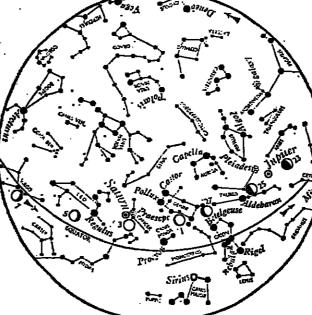
Lord Justice Holter Entrance Awards: P. H. Gross, Cano Town University, and Orisi C. Oxford: A. K. Grice. Liveroool University Creating Terms of C. S. Hollander, King's C. Cambridge.

Gerald Mooods Entrance Award: C. S. Yalfa. Corous Entrance Award: C. S. Sand. Balliol C. Oxford: Miss S. E. M. Blomfield. Leeds University: Miss R. L. Downing. New Hall Cambridge: Miss H. M. Grebe. Nothingham University: D. Daving. New Hallor. S. Cambridge: D. A. M. Hallor. S. Cambridge: D. A. M. Hallor. M. Grebe. Nothingham University: D. P. Pannick, Heriford C. Oxford: Miss A. W. R. Ross. St. Hugh's C. Oxford: Miss A. M. R. Ross. St. Hugh's C. Oxford: Miss A. M. R. Ross. St. Hugh's C. Oxford: Miss A. M. R. Ross. St. Hugh's C. Cambridge: J. D. B. Taylor. Koele University: J. H. Tecks. Schwyn C. Cambridge: J. D. B. Taylor. Koele University: J. H. Tecks. Schwyn C. Cambridge: L. J. West-Knighis.

Ouiet anniversary

The Queen will not attend any The Queen will not attend any special celebrations on Sunday, the twenty-fifth anniversary of her accession to the throne. She will be at Windsor Castle for the weekend and will attend morning service at the Royal Chapel in-Windsor Great Park.





The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23hr (11 pm) at the beginning, 22hr (10 pm) in the mische and 21hr (19 pm) at the end of the piaces away from the latitude and the Greenwich times at raich and diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of

regarded as 150 million km or 93 million miles) and its apparent diameter 10 - seconds of arc (10/3600 of a degree). The magnitude was -3.4. about thirty diameters. This month we have a crescent phase, a distinctive shape which week by week is getting slimmer, and week is getting slimmer, and larger from cusp to cusp. This can larger from cusp to cusp. This can be seen with ordinary \$ x 30 binoculars, provided they are held very steadily, or preferably clamped in some way.

If you view the brilliant planet against a dark sky, definition will be very poor, so work in as much daylight as possible. At this time of year a deep blue sky is rare, but if it should occur it will be possible to see the planet before sunset; in the afternoon it will be above and to the left of the At maximum elongation last month it had brightened to -4.0, but only half the illuminated hemi-Earth. The distance, however, was 0.69 units, and the apparent diameter 24 seconds, so decreasing distance more than compensated for the decreasing phase. This compensation will continue until greatest brilliancy, 4.3, on March 1st, when the distance will be 0.43 units, and diameter 30 seconds. Thereafter the phase will decrease rapidly but the distance less so until inferior conjunction in April. be above and to the left of the Sun about 40° (two handspans at arm's length) from it. At the moment of sunset the approximate position of Venus will be true bearing 207°, altitude 34°, on the 1st; 222°, 37°, on the 14th; 237°, 27° on the 24th; 227°, by the 25th Pacifican comba

depend not only on date and time but on the location of the observer also. The discovery of the phases of Venus in 1610 by Galileo was a point in favour of the then new Copermican theory of the solar system, for under the older prolemaic theory the planet moved in a circle about a point private in the Earth and the Sun.

Thus it could never be on the

Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zonith being the center. Greenwich has tuniversal Time and expressed in all universal Time and expressed in 24-hr notation. Is used to accommention notes unless otherwise decommenting notes unless otherwise

the tribute of the Earth and the Sun. I has it could never be on the far side of the Sun and exhibit a "full" phase, but would necessarily be a crescent.

Readers may have noticed in The Times for January 14 that a nova had been found by an amateur astronomer, Mr Graham Hosty, in the constellation Sagitta, Nova means new star, but it is not really new. What has happened is that a faint star has "exploded" and temporarily become very much brighter, thus being observed as something unusual among its neighbours. 37°; on the 28th. Positions can be only approximate because, like many other phenomena, they

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THETIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

P will double investment Britain to £2,700m uring the next five years

vestment in Britain over ext five years to £2,700m, David Steel, chairman, nced in Glasgow yester-

ee quarters would be in nd and would include re investment. The complanned to spend about m, or 45 per cent of its United Kingdom United Kingdom expenditure mainly on zed manufacturing plant ther downstream activi-

re would be heavy investin chemicals manufacture ibly up to £900m—includan expansion of the al plant at Grangemouth, development would cost £50m making it the ny's largest United King-

believe that this investmuch of it in brand new and equipment, will make or contribution, not only in terms of jobs but also health and continuing pment of the national my", Mr Steel said. intended to continue a g role in North Sea pament but this could only n if the economics were

le. For BP the first major my to produce oil from orth Sea, the economics ippear more feasible than my of their competitors. Jack Birks, director of ading, told a press cone earlier yesterday that, illy, the initial capital of £850m would be some time during production platforms since

would mean that within



Mr Steel, BP chairman, hoping to recover Forcies £850m investment in two years.

two years the initial investment in the Forties field will have been covered, with a further 23 years of life ahead for the field. It was the flow or cash from Forties and the potential from Alaska which made it possible for BP to go ahead with such a major investment programme. The Forties field was operating at about 350,000 barrels a day, and was expected to reach peak production of between 400,000 and 500,000 barrels a day by the end of this year. In his speech to an audience of businessmen and frade unionists, Mr Steel regretted the relative lack of orders for

1975. The rapid earlier develop

Clark family restructure Share stake in Plessey

By Richard Allen

dation, and he hoped the fifth licensing round would lead to renewed activity and invest-

ment. BP was considering ordering a third platform for the Ninian field.

"Development costs for off-shore oil and gas have in-creased enormously with greater water depths, a harsher

environment and continuing inflation. A single exploration well in about 600ft of water can now cost £3m, and a platform in similar depths £150m.

"As we move even farther into unchartered waters the risk factor must also increase."

"For the nation as a whole the main benefit of North Sea

oil is the massive surplus it is

already beginning to contri-bute to our balance of payments

account as well as the substantial in-flow of capital funds.

balance of payments troubles that has so often upset our hopes and plans over the past 20 years gives us a golden chance, but it is no substitute for the other measures vital for

our economic regeneration. These included the fight against inflation which could

destroy our industrial structure

if we lost the need for greater investment based on healthy

profits in manufacturing indus-tries, a better balance between

public and private sectors and perhaps, above all, an improve-

nent in industrial producticity

to the standards achieved by

our European competitors so that our living standards could

"North Sea oil gives time for us to achieve these things", he

Plainly this cure for the

Sir John Clark, 50-year-old chairman and chief executive of the Plessey organization, has substantially reduced his personal holding in the group. He has sold more than 518,000 shares for a sum believed to be in excess of £350,000, reducing his stake to 200,000 shares.

The Plessey board announced yesterday that Sir John whose family has been associated with the group since its inception had recently reorganized his personal affairs and decided to personal analysis and decided to purchase an agricultural pro-perty. This had necessitated the sale of various assets in-cluding part of his Plessey holding.

At the same time trustees of two family settlements made by Sir Allen Clark, the former chairman, for his children—including Sir John and Mr Michael Clark, deputy chairman—have also sold 500,000 shares.

This reduced their combined This reduced their combined holdings in the group to 444,000 shares. The sales have been made as part of restructuring moves for capital transfer tax

The two lines of shares were placed with institutions by Sir John's advisers, Morgan Gren-fell acting through Rowe & Pirman, the stochbrokers. It is understood the deals were struck last week at a slight discount to the market price.

Sir John, whose emoluments of £69,000 last year maintained his position as one of the



John Clark: £69,000 a year

country's leading salary earners. issued a statement stressing his continued confidence in Plessey and adding that he would remain as full-time chairman and chief executive.

comment yesterday but a spokesman for Morgan Gren-fell said he had been consider ing purchasing an agricultural property in England for some time. The purchase will remain secret until contracts have been exchanged.

Apart from any taxation benefits of investment in agri-cultural property. Sir John's leisure activities cover several country pursuits, including golf and shooting.
Last week Plessey announced

nine months profits of £28m against £25m. The share transactions seem to have been well-timed, with Plessey's share price falling 4p yesterday to 66p.

Sales losses feared over tax ruling on Marina 1.8

By Clifford Webb A row blew up last night between British Leyland and the Inland Revenue because income tax inspectors are classifying the group's big-selling Marina 1-8 little saloon in a higher bracket under the new company car taxation rules. Unless the situation is clarified immediately, Leyland fears sales could be affected by companies switching to the smaller engined 1.6 litre Ford Cortina, which is already the market leader in fleet and company. leader in fleet and company

Income tax assessments are now going out for the tax year beginning in April. Examples being quoted yesterday put drivers of Marina 1.8s into the above 1800cc class, which calls for a "benefit in kind" of £350.

But the Marina engine is offi cially rated at 1,798cc, which places it in the lower category. This relates to cars of more than 1300cc but not more than 1800cc. They call for £225 to be taxed—£125 less.

A Leyland spokesman said:
"The Marina 1.8 is quite clearly
in the 1301 to 1800cc class and it is quite wrong for a tax inspector to rule otherwise. The Marina is our biggest fleet and company seller and it is import ant that inspectors get it right.

The Inland Revenue said the onus for supplying correct information about company cars rested with employers who had to state the exact engine size.
"It must be that in the cases referred to, this information has not been received", the spokes-man said.

Arab blacklist warning forces Metal Box to look at Israel holdings

Metal Box group is considering pulling out of a 25 year old investment in Israel after threats to several of its major customers from Arab countries.
The Reading-based group,
which has a turnover of more than £500m a year, admitted yesterday that the question of its investment in the Israel Can Company, in which it has a 27 per cent stake, was now under discussion.

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A senior director told The imes: "We are examining Times: very closely the implications and the consequences and the feasibility of disposing of our He emphasized that no final

decision had yet been taken but the group was seriously concerned by the pressures being put on its customers. Arab countries, including, it is understood, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, had approached Metal Araba, had approached metal Box customers with the warn-ing that they could not sell in the Middle East if they con-tinued to use Metal Box

said the director.

Metal Box has been on the Arab blacklist for a number of years. Blacklists are not normally available outside the headquarters of the Arab Boycott of Israel Office in Damascus. But the name of Metal Box and its subsidiary, Metal Box Overseas, are both contained in a document compiled in France and now in the possession of The Times, which ndicates that as many as 1,000 British companies may have

direct result of its investment in Israel Can. The boycott rules state that among the criteria for blacklisting is the hold-ing of shares in Israeli com-panies or factories.

By R. W. Shakespeare

work.

A strike which has cost car

The shop stewards' decision to recommend an end to the

Halewood strikers

may go back today

A strike which has cost car oases involving disciplinary production worth about £12m action.

that the discussions taking place were not an attempt to curry favour with Arab states. "If we have to get out it would not be for the ulterior motive of seeking greater riches over the horizon elsewhere."

The Metal Box director declined to name the British companies which had received threats but admitted that the more intense about 18 months ago. This would coincide with a major advertising campaign by the group which pictured 10 well-known products and pro-claimed: "Seven out of 10 are ours", indicating that the pro-ducts were packed in Metal Box

The products were: Heinz baked beans, Del Monte crushed pineapple; John West red salmon, Green Giant Mexican corn, Spam chopped prime pork shoulder and ham, Campbell's tomato soup, Smedley garden peas, Pepsi, Pedigree Chum, and Ind Coope Long Life beer.

The Metal Box issue will packaging.

The Metal Box 15500 was a What they are saying is that almost certainly result in the Government of the Gove The Metal Box issue will

your goods are not acceptable renewed pressure on the Gov-in this country if they are erument to take a stronger line packed in Metal Box cans", over the boycott. It is now clear from the trade figures that the boycott is having a significant effect on United Kingdom-Israel trade. Last year British imports from Israel increased nearly 41 per cent over the pre-vious year, but exports went up only 5 per cent.

with an interest in Israel are now deeply concerned that the Government should be seen to take a positive stand against the ndicates that as many as 1,000 boycott, particularly since the british companies may have heen listed.

The group's blacklisting is a panies which bow to Arab pres-Sures.

> The expressing concern, takes the lines that the decision is purely commercial and must be taken by the companies concerned.

udi discord threatens output rise

· Correspondent elay in boosting Saudi n oil production to 10 to barrels a day by the f March could indicate sement within the Saudi ment over Shaikh Ahmed amani's pledge to remove ling on national output.

rding to unnamed oil y sources in Jeddah Arabia will need at least oths to increase produc-com the average of 8.6. ks a day in 1976 million barrels a day in # quarter of this year.

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guidelines to implement nonth moratorium on

g, part of public expen-cuts, have gone to water authorities from

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of the effects already felt by water and a pipe-making com-

short-time working is mounting throughout

stry, according to the Pipe Association.

1 Steel is discussing

ide unions introducing 1 a three- or four-day

t its pipe-making fac-t Stanton and Staveley

east Midlands. Up to workers could be

n and Staveley largely iron pipe, but a pro-of their production is pipe, the sector of

month moratorium on which began last

Concrete Pipe Associa-i it would be possible,

of the guidelines, for

water authorities to

ome additional work

e pipe-makers. Mr Ian ougall, association sec-said: "It takes some the worst of our wor-

it cannot save the infrom redundancies as

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ability to step up production to drop the idea of another 5 very quickly and the report per cent rise in July, and pos-from Jeddah was an attempt to sibly reach a compromise on sibly reach a compromise on prices for the remainder of cover up a disagreement within

the Saudi government over the proposal to raise production to Reports from within Opec 10 million barrels a day.

A sizable increase in output is suggest that some members might be willing to reach a the key element in Saudi crude compromise with the Saudis at a special meeting in the spring. Any indication that Saudi outoil pricing plans. At the last meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in December the Saudis and put will not go up could wreck the prospects for such a meetthe United Arab Emirates in-Shell, on the other hand, has creased their crude oil costs by 5 per cent against the 10 per

increase and is planning to take cent rise by the eleven other the first cargo from the extra 200,000 barrels of Saudi oil it members. Without at least 1.5 million ever, industry sources in barrels a day of extra production indicated that the tion the Saudis would find it one of the partners in the consortium had the difficult to persuade the eleven Aramco consortium.

BAC seeks airliner deal in Romania By Arthur Reed

Air Correspondent

Two of Europe's biggest aerospace groups are competing for multi-million pound deals with Romania under which that country would produce their airliners on a cooperative basis. The groups are the Aircraft Corporation, with its One-Eleven 475 airliner, and the German VFW-

Dutch-West German V Fokker, with its VFW 614. Both concerns have had members of their senior manageing officials and politicians at up to Cabinet level, and both expressed guarded optimism yesterday that their proposals

would succeed. VPW-Fokker went so far as to predict that it would sign a deal within the first two weeks of this month. They have com-pleted much detailed planning with the Romanians under with the Romanians under which a new company would be established, with the Romanians owning 55 per cent and the Germans and the Dutch 45 per

A Romanian would be presi-

ever airliner is chosen will eventually be produced.

dent of the company and a German the vice-president. The Romanian contract is a glittering prize to the western companies, both of whose airliner production lines badly need an infusion of orders. A total of around 100 of which-

The VFW-Fokker 614 is a much smaller and newer air-liner than the BAC One-Eleven, seating 44 compared with 89. Both have British jet engines.

Carborundum buys Weyburn for £16.6m

Carborundum Co, the United States abrasives, engineering and pollution control group, yesterday won control of the British Weyburn Engineering group with a surprise £16.6m cash takeover.

The 425p a share cash offer, amounced just before the Stock Market opened yesterday, has been accepted by Weyburn's directors and other shareholders representing 43.45 per cent of the equity. In early dealings yesterday Morgan Grenfell, acting for Carborundum, bought a further 6.7 per cent of the further 6.7 per cent of shares at 420p, giving the Uni-ted States company voting control of Weyburn, which claims to be the world's largest independent producer of diesel engine camshafts. On news of the bid Weyburn's

shares leapt 46p from Friday's closing price to 416p. Mr Ronald Royston, Weyburn chairman, said yesterday that the group had had "lots of approaches from American companies in the last nine months.". His decision to recommend this bid centred on Weyburn's plans to "set our sights very high" on further acquisitions. Mr Royston explains that the American group is "sitting on

customers in common with Weyburn and has a worldwide marketing operation but no diesel business, the groups should mesh well. Mr Royston has signed a

service contract for "several years" with Carborundum to remain at Weyburn with certain additional responsibilities for acquisitions". His new salary will be "not famastically different" from the £17,000 a year he now receives. However, the deal values the personal the deal values the personal shareholdings of Mr Royston burn's chief executive, at £4.3m. Mr Royston and Mr Buckner acquired control of Weyburn after a protracted and controversial 1671p a share bid in 1973. The shareholders support ing these directors at the time of that bid, and now accepting the United States offer, include

Pensman Nominees, the National Westminster Bank's Pension Fund, with 10 per cent, and County Bank, Weyburn's advisers in the deal, with a 7½ per cent stake acquired from the receivers of Cornhill Consolidated two years ago at an effective price, after rights issues of around 35p a share. Financial Editor, page 19

Laing in £28.7m dam contract

In cooperation with a and the local Venezuelan com-Venezuelan contractor, the pany, Vinceler CA. Their Laing group has won a £28.7m contract to construct a dam at Yacambu in Lara province. Meanwhile in the United Arab Emirates, AI Furtain Wimpey have won two further awarded to Laing SA, the Spanish member of the group,

Equity markets retreat on a broad front

don stock market yesterday.

The FT ordinary share index closed 12.7 off at 390.5, more than wiping out Friday's strong advance—and its worst perform—

The exhausted long "tap" ance for 10 weeks.

The prospect of a temporary end to the fall in interest rates also brought out sellers in the gilt-edged market, which, in taking was predictable and

By David Mot:

Small but persistent profittaking lowered share prices
over a broad front on the London stock market yesterday.

The FT ordinary share index

spite of several attempts at a rally, ended with sizable losses.

By the close "short" dates on interest rates.

They pointed out that with one-half, most of the selling being of "mediums" by three-rights to three-quarters and "longs" the decline in the index was improvementative of the market unrepresentative of the market as a whole. Many of the second well, dropping just a few pence compared with double-figure losses in the leaders. Financial Editor, page 19

How the markets moved

The Times index: 163.17-3.72 The FT index: 390.5-12.7

THE POUND Rises Agronson Bros 15p to 66p Furness Withy 7p to 224p Redfearn Nat Australia \$ Austria Sch Belgium Fr Canada \$ Falls Ass Port Cement 9p to 184p Beecham 8p to 406p Courtanids 5p to 104p EMI 6p to 225p Fisons 9p to 328p GEC 7p to 187p Gen Accident 13p to 185p Denmark &c Finland Mkk 15p to 2059 4p to 66p 12p to 170p 12p to 170p 12p to 308p 6p to 490p 14p to 223p 13p to 402p 30p to 700p 14p to 425p Ragian Prop Rank Royal Shell France Fr ungkong \$ Italy La Japan Greece Dr 69.50 7.95 1535.00 490.00 4.28 9.05 55.50 2.04 113.75 7.25 4.25 1.71 32.50 Standard Chart Geo Accident Grand Met Hambro Life 11p to 165p Sun Alliance Takeda Bdr Japan Yn 5 Netherlands Gld Japan Yn 515.00 Netherlands Gld 4.50 Norway Kr 9.41 Portugal Esc 59.50 S Africa Rd 2,17 Spain Pes 121.50 Sweden Kr 7.61 Switzerland Fr 4.47 Unilever Imp Chem Ind 10p to 354p Metal Box 10p to 270p Nthgate Explor 15p to 370p Vickers Gold gained 7 cents an onnce to \$132,375. Equities were hit by profit taking. US \$ 1.76 Yngoslavia Dnr 35.00 Gilt-edged securities were also SDR-5 was 1.15257 on Friday while SDR-E was 0.671935. Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1613.1 (previous 1613.3). Reports, pages 20 and 21 Reports vas many a supplied yesterday by Earclays has international Ltd. Diffusion internation bent notes and supplied yesterday business. Sterling gained 15 pts to \$1.7150. The "effective devaluation" rate was 42.8 per cent.

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at Ford's giant Merseyside In the Midlands 270 drivers employed by James Car De-liveries have called off their

procedures to be applied in

plant may be called off today. The 5,000 body shop workers, whose week-old stoppage has two-week old strike which had halted the movement of yehicles out of three of British caused the layoff of another 4,500 assembly men at the Hale-wood plant, are being called to a meeting at Liverpool boxing stadium this morning, and shop stewards are expected to recom-Leyland car assembly plants, at Solihull, Longbridge (Birmingham), and Coventry.

At the Triumph plant at Coventry 1,900 workers had to be laid off.

Although the immediate mend an immediate return to

A decision to end the strike will come just in time to pre-Although the immediate problems over car deliveries are at an end, there is a threat vent more Ford workers being laid off at Dagenham and Southampton, where it was of more trouble.

Yesterday a coordinating feared that production would have to be progressively run committee representing drivers employed by several car down because of shortage of body shells supplied from Hale-wood.

delivery firms in the Midlands decided in Coventry that unless British Leyland restricted access to its Jaguar plant to six companies by the week-end, strike was taken yesterday, drivers might apply sanctions. They have agreed to accept a again at all Leyland car plants document which clarifies the in the Midlands.

GUINNESS PEAT GROUP LIMITED

Interim Statement for the year ending 30th April 1977

Profits and Dividend

Group profits for the year to date are well ahead of those for the same period last year and the board have declared an terim dividend at the rate of 3.5p per share, an increase of 0.5p per share over the interim dividend declared last year. It is the board's intention to pay for the year the maximum dividend permitted under current legislation.

Two important recent developments overseas, in Brazil and Kenya, together with similar existing ventures in other countries, can be expected to make useful and continuing contributions to the group's profits. On Jenuary 20, the group chairman, Lord Kissin, attended the formal opening in Brazil of a new cocoa processing plant supplied by Guinness Peat for Barretto de Araujo Produtos de Cacau S.A. which makes the Brazilian company the world's S.A. which makes the Brazilian company the world's largest producer of cocoa products. Guinness Peat, through a jointly-owned marketing company, will market Barretto's cocoa products internationally. On January 21 an agreement was signed in Kenya for a £12 million agro-chemical plant to produce the chemical furfural from maize cobs. Guinness Peat are heading the international consortium of companies building the plant and will also be responsible on an on-going basis for the provision of management and marketing services.

Associated Companies The group's principal associated companies are showing substantially increased profits at the interim stage. Limbod Holdings Ltd, in which the group has a 22.9% stake, has announced an offer for Gateway Securities. On the successful completion of the bid Guinness Peat Group expect that their interest in Linfood will be maintained at approximately 20%.

Dividend Details Rate per share net Year ending 30th April 1977 Interim payable 4th March 1977 (record date 11th **89**0,637 February 1977)

Year ended 30th April 1976

Interim peid 5th March 1976

Final paid 29th October 1976

2,101,680 8.2753p Registered Office: 32 St. Mary at Hill, London EC3R 8DH

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wn by half a point to cent. The FHA's base es according to a fixed related to interbank r the past eight weeks. tains no discretionary

Mr Callaghan and team to meet shipbuilding chiefs

of Britain's shipping industry for talks next week to discuss measures which might encourage British owners to place

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, and Mr Dell, Sec-retary of State for Trade, will also be present with leaders of the General Council of British Shipping next Monday. They had planned to meet the council themselves after discussions just before Christmas last vear by the tripartite committee on shipbuilding composed of Whitehall officials, union leaders and members of the

organizing committee for British Shipbuilders. The Prime Minister met the GCBS last October but since then the crisis has depend considerably and the Government is facing mounting pressure from both unions and employers to produce some short term stamulus to protect jobs until the uncertainty over nationali-zation plans is removed. Plans for a state holding company which would take in yards in which the Government.

already has an interest—are Union leaders, who met Mr Varley last week, have been vention fund which could be by yards in Japan and elsewhere. Such a fund could involve at least £100m.

By Peter Hill Mr Callaghan will intervene efforts to coordinate European in the crisis affecting Britain's policy to curb Japanese expan-order-starved shipbuilding in-dustry. He has invited leaders amounced their own rescue plans. The most recent is by the Dutch government-indications are that Whitehall has a similar plan although it will have to be scrutinized by the EEC Com-

The Dutch government has said it is prepared to offer guarantees and credits to back a £250m plan to reorganize Holland's industry to make it com-petitive in the 1980s, with production capacity reduced by 30 per cent and the loss of 6,500 jobs.

Officials in Whitehall noted that the Durch scheme was received coolly by commission officials but the feeling is that if the Dutch scheme goes through there is no reason why a British equivalent should not

Any measures introduced will aid yards rather than subsidize shipowners and Mr Callaghan will press the GCBS team to place more orders in Britain. He is expected to give some indication that through assistances may be ance to yards, prices may be brought more into line with

those quoted by competitors. The GCBS team, which will be Varley last week, have been led by its president, Lord Inchurging the creation of an intersay Alexander, chairman of used to close the gap between Ocean Transport & Trading and British prices and those offered Mr John Wood, its director Ocean Transport & Trading and general, will stress however that the prospects for new orders are not promising.

Davy International close to help in assuring orders for some cate to deal with Brazil

Negotiations have reached an development being undertaken by the Brazilian state-owned By Our Industrial Correspondent advanced stage between Davy International and the Brazilian government which are expected to lead shortly to the signing of a £50m contract for the British company to supply a large blast furnace for the new steel complex to be built in

Minas Gerais. Top executives from the United Kingdom company are in Brazil, and according to Brazilian sources, a contract is likely to be signed very shortly. Davy is leading a consortium of United Kingdom and European plant fabricators who are involved in the construction of

the new steel complex.

company, Acominas, is due to be completed in 1980 when the plant will have a two million tonnes a year capacity, while eventual plans call for a further increase to six million tonnes a year and possibly up to eight million tonnes. The blast furnace deal is expected to be the first of a series

of deals which are expected to be concuded between now and the end of March involving hundreds of millions of pounds between British companies and Brazilian enterprises. They follow the State visit to Britain last May by President Ernesto Geisel of Brazil.

Business appointments Finanical news

20, 21 Company Meeting Reports:

Barclay's Life

Leyland bows to Ryder call for research and development centre

lighted by the Ryder report- near Warwick. the absence of a research, development and design centre work is at present carried out stage will be completed by of the type enjoyed by all its on up to 12 different sites with 1981. The outline plan for the big European compenitors.

The state car group has submitted outline plans to Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council for a 1.5 million sq fr complex which will house 5,000 engineers, technicians and backup staff by the mid-1980s.

The site chosen after months of investigation by a special project team is close to the junction of the M42 motorway and the A34 Stratford-on-Avon

Home prices

last quarter

House prices slipped on average by about 1 per cent in the last quarter of 1976 accord-

ing to statistic released yester-

day by the Department of the Environment. Over the year,

however, prices rose on average

The average price of homes

on which new mortgages were

approved—as opposed to com-pleted loans which are negoti-

However, the average trend

conceals the greater resilience of new house prices. Although a smaller proportion of overall

sales, they in fact, rose by 1

per cent in the last quarter,

the average price for new homes is now £13,830, 8½ per cent higher than in the last

For second-hand homes the

average price was £13,140, 7 per cent higher than a year ago,

and 1 per cent lower than in

During the year there was

little variation in the percent-

age advanced to new borrowers.

At the aproval stage the average advance was £8,500 in the

the previous quarter and 64 a

Winter is not a brisk time for

house sales and the last quarter

of 1976 also saw the introduc-

tion of the 124 per cent mort-

Another reason for the slight

setback in house prices might, as the DoE points out, result

stopped Whitbread's supplies to

pubs in East Anglia for more

than three weeks has been made

official, Mr Paul Greenough, a district officer of the transport

workers' union said yesterday.

The dispute is over a new

delivery system. Mr Greenough said the union now regarded it

as a lockout and no members

would be allowed to cross the

More than 40 million bulk

barrels of beer were produced in the United Kingdom last year for the first time—11,548 mil-

Issued Capital

Deposits

Total Assets

Loans

Retained Profits

Subordinated Loans

Profits before Taxation

after Taxation

Fuji Bank

Tokai Bank

Record beer output

picket lines.

however momentarily.

the third quarter of 1976.

by 7 per cent.

quarter of 1975.

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the main concentrations at

Although some new jobs will be created, most of the 5,000 will be able to move to the Solihull site from existing R&D departments without changing

Leyland last night declined close consultation to give any cost figures. A steward members spokesman said: "Planning of joint union-manage the centre is still in its initial pation commissees.

By Clifford Webb

Leyland Cars yesterday announced plans to rectify one of the main weaknesses spot
Ighed have a Pader property of the proposed test of the proposed test of the proposed test of the property of the proper If the application is success

Research and development ful it is thought that the first centre is under review within Triumph-Coventry, Rover Soli-hull and Longbridge, near mission to the National Enter-Birmingham. The full scheme is not due

for completion until the mid 1980s—at least five years behind the target date of 1979 which was set in the Ryder report. The site has been chosen in close consultation with shop steward members of Leyland's joint union-management partici

£3m titanium deal lifts IMI orders to £12m

By Clifford Webb Central Electricity Generating Board estuary and coastal it decided to go ahead with a power stations are being full conversion at the same

ated some six or so weeks earlier—dropped from £13,350 to £13,258. The decrease, says the DoE "may simply reflect seasonal factors".

tubes supplied for this purpose to more than £12m. IMI's sales have risen five-fold in the past four years, mak-

from Italy and the West Indies. The CEGB completed the first conversion at West Thurrock use of the material.

1970. After two years' testing it decided to go ahead with a station. Since then there have

construction on the Medway, Ince station in Cheshire and for one condenser at the Wylfa

Mr Dell ends Bonn visit

From Peter Norman

Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, left here today clearly impressed by what he had learnt of the Gersystem of industrial

last quarter, representing 64 per cent of the purchase price compared with 643 per cent in Speaking at the end of two days of talks with West Ger-man government officials and representatives of both sides of industry, Mr Dell said he had found positive opinion that industrial democracy in Germany had contributed to the country's economic success. gage interest rate causing buyers and sellers to pause,

acknowledging that conditions in Britain were very different, Mr Dell added that he could see no justification for the view of those who from the mix of dwellings on which new mortgages were aproved or completed in that a system of industrial democracy could not be introduced in Britain.

1975, the Brewers' Society said

Japan car exports up

here to suggest that industrial democracy could not be built on to the British system of

many sit on the supervisory board, the institution which overseas the activities of the managing board which handles the day to day running of the

Mr Dell said he had been impressed by the importance attached in Germany to the supervisory board.

A brewery dispute which has lion pints. This is 1.65 per cent interest rates for loans under opped Whitbread's supplies to above the previous record in Section 7 of the Industry Act 1972 were being reduced with

Japan's 1976 motor exports rose 38.5 per cent to 3.71 million units, the Japan Auto-mobile Manufacturers Association said. Exports including components, were valued at \$10,295m (about £6,000m) in 1976, up 44.3 per cent from

Interest rates cut The maximum rate of relief grant and

Extract from Accounts at 31st December, 1976.

Japan International Bank Limited

Mitsubishi Bank Nikko Securities

Sumitomo Bank Yamaichi Securities

7/8 King Street, London EC2V 8DX

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Daiwa Securities

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immediate effect, the Depart-ment of Industry said yesterday. All rates are being reduced by half of one per cent.

West Germany's chemical inwest Germany's chemical industry is expecting another year of above-average growth in 1977, although the strong advance of 1976 will not be repeated, Professor Rolf Sammet, chief executive of Hosebet A.C. and proceedings of Hoechst AG and president of the German Chemical Industry Association, said yesterday.

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NEDO urges machine tool industry to keep its workers informed

By Edward Townsend

In its first detailed study of industrial workers' attitudes, the National Economic Development Office has called for better communications within the United Kingdom machine tool industry with the establishment of extensive consultation procedures.

The study, the result of interviews with 200 employees, including management, shop stewards, foremen and shop floor workers says that many machine tool companies have communication difficulties and there is scope for substantial

"Improved communications will require more extensive consultation and a better flow of information from management to both shop stewards and employees on a wide range of issues. These include the financial position of the company, investment plans, the order book and any planned changes in methods of working."

The study, conducted by NEDO on behalf of the machine tools Little Neddy, advocates setting up group incentive schemes. By giving employees a direct financial interest in company performance some communications problems could be overcome, it says, as long as companies ensured that such schemes were relevant and made available to workers regular information about the pay scheme.

In a foreword, Mr Anthony Frodsham, chairman of the Little Neddy, says that the sense of commitment of employees in the industry, which became apparent during the interviews, is one of the industry's most valuable assets and provides a firm base on which companies and their employees should seek to build in the coming years."

The study's lengthy series of recommendations includes important suggestions to correct



Mr Frodsham: valuable asset in employees' attitudes.

the slide of earnings in the industry which has left average pay rates below those of manufacturing industry as a whole. That skills in the machine

tool sector may be undervalued, leading to recruitment difficul ties in the future, leads NEDO to urge companies and unions carefully to review pay levels for skilled men when pay policy permits.

Meanwhile, companies are urged to attempt greater har-monization of employment conditions for non-manual and skilled manual workers, including sick pay, pensions, holiday pay, clocking procedures and canteen facilities.

Low profitability in the industry, however, is seen as a brake to such improvements and they
must be financed by a substantial increase in producrivity". This, says the study, can be achieved by ending the more extreme effects of the machine tool ordering cycle, which would need the long-advocated Government counter-cyclical investment support scheme, and by winning workers' support for better manpower use.

The interviews underlined the importance of security of employment, says the study.

Exporters to pay one-third more for ECGD cover

By Melvyn Westlake

Exporters face increases of a third in the cost of insuring themselves against overseas bad debts in the wake of a general overhaul of premiums by the Government-run Export Credits Guarantee Department.

The increases in insurance premiums, which will take effect from April 1, were an-nounced in the House of Commons yesterday.

since the war that premiums have been raised, and it is hoped that there will be no need for any further general

about 35 per cent of all British exports, has been faced with mounting claims in recent years, partly as a result of a higher level of total business, but also partly reflecting some deterioration in the trading

"show no signs of falling", according to the department. As a result, its reserves last year only accounted for about 2.4 per cent of total sums at risk, compared with the ratio of per cent that is thought to be desirable.

writes exporters against nonpayment by foreign buyers and assists in the financing of export credit sales through the issue of guarantees to banks, is obliged to break even "taking one year another For the bulk of the depart-

ment's business—exports sold on credit of up to six months— 8p per £100 of export business covered, bringing average rates to 32p per £100. extended terms", the For '

average increase will be about 10p per £100 insured, bringing the average premium to 83p per The cost of ECGD guaran-

provide export finance—will rise from 12¹p to 15p per 5100. where exports are sold on credit of up to two years; and from a 25p maximum to 32p per £100 insured, on exports sold on more than two years

For Buyer Credit Guarantees on project business (where United Kingdom banks which make finance available for foreign buyers to pay British exporters working on large capital goods contracts) and for specific guarantees (supplier credit for capital goods contracts) the increase will be 10

New moves into "distributed processing" have been announced by Honeywell Infornonnced by Honeywell Infor-mation Systems and by Mohawk Data Sciences. Honeywell's announcement includes the company's largest computer as well as a concept known as "Distributed Systems Environ-ment"; the MDS offering is based on a new series of low-cost operator stations for basic types of distributed computing the distributed systems environ-ment was made up of three elements—information process-ing, data management and net-

enabled people to enter and extract information.

For data management, software was needed which would handle data entry, storage and access across the entire system, while freeing the people using the system from any concern about how the database was structured.

ing involved communications hardware and software which provided for the movement of data while allowing all com-ponents of the system to work together more effectively,

their own needs. Honeywell's new products. Mr Long indi-cated, included host, front-end and network processors; communications software and terminals. Speaking at the London

launch of the new products, Mr Russ Henderson, the new United Kingdom managing director of Honeywell Information Systems, said 1976 had been a good year for Honey-well's worldwide computer Computer orders in the

United Kingdom rose by 17 per cent, with total turnover up 14 per cent, and exports representing 29 per cent of the total.

computer yet launched by Honeywell. Cost of a typical system would be about £3m. Towards the other end of the

the initial versions, will handle either data entry or application

of Mohawk Data Sciences, said he believed that the new series would do for distributed processing what the key-to-tape data recorder did for data entry over a decade ago. "We set a new standard for low-cost source document conversion then: we now plan to do the same for a broad range of distri-

Transatlantic data

Under a trial service due to start on February 14, users of the Post Office's Datel 200 service will be able to gain access to databases in the United States operated by Tymnet Inc. This follows an agreement between the Post Office and Western Union International. Database subjects include chemistry, engineering, oil and gas production, pollution, patents, agriculture, oceanography, the weather, economics, transport and medicine.

Kenneth Owen

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

indicates tax evasion on the

In such circumstances the

Readers of The Times may

part of a customer.

Let banks reveal clients' tax evasions

Sir, Much attention has been focused on confidentiality in banking and finance as a result of the Bullock Committee's Minority Report which seeks to exclude banking from any legislation which would give employees seats on bank boards. Needless to say, my Union rejects the proposals of this minority report and supports role of enforced end reluctant the main recommendation of confident is unacceptable to the Committee.

There is, however, another like to see legislation intro-aspect to confidentiality and that is the relationship between the individual bank customer that is the relationship between the individual bank customer that is the relationship between the individual bank customer than the committee.

Ikke to see legislation introduced so that customers are unable to hide their tax evasions behind their Banker's individual bank customer and the bank official dealing duty of secretyr with the customer's account. Readers of Th

Patents Bill text needs transportation

From Mr John Bushell Sir, There are three good reasons why the Patents Bill should quote language from the European Patents Convention: To make clear that we

fulfil our Treaty obligations. 2. To avoid the complexities of two different systems of law, both applying to patents effective in this country.

3. To obtain recognition and weight in overseas courts for British judgments, in the development of European and

Community patent law. The brief report of the Second Reading in your issue of January 25 mentions Lord Alexander of Potterhill's speech on this. Brevity doubt-less precluded your reporting the Lord Chancellor's reply. Those who have read Hansard must be amazed by it, for the reason the Lord Chancellor gave for non-correspondence of Bill and Convention language was "the difficulty of transla-

How can this be? There is an authentic English text of the European Patents Convention, signed on behalf of the United Kingdom Government. What is required is transportation, not translation, from this Yours faithfully,

JOHN BUSHELL 34 Cursitor Street. London, EC4A 1PQ.

tion " !

Radical changes needed in

ferrous foundries From Mrs J. F. M. Dodgson Sir. The article by Maurice

Corina on the ferrous foundcoins on the terrous councies (January 19) prompts me to write more fully about one aspect of the problem. He says, "Foundries are not pleasant places of work..." This must be one of the understate. must be one of the understatements of the year if the workplace which has been described to me is representative of foundries as a whole. There From Miss J. A. Shadbolt would be an outery if domestic

animals had to endure such stressful conditions. Physical exertion in extreme hear. During last year's heatwave the tempera-ture rose to 130-140°F. Weights

of up to 150lb have to be man. 2. Inadequate or non-existent ventilation

3. Intolerable levels of dust from potentially dangerous minerals, due to poorly designed and badly maintained extraction systems. The dust is often so thick that it is impossible to see across the factory

noise, probably above that at which damage to hearing starts 5. Intermittent exposure of the eyes to the glare of white hot molten metal.

4. A constant high level of

b. Frequent minor and not o. Frequent minor and not so minor burns from flying particles of metal or from accidental spillages.

The chief safeguard against

health, both present and long term, appears to be a few items of protective clothing. These merely make working conditions more unpleasant because they exacerbate the discomfort.

Gaiters are discarded because legs ger sore from sweat. As a result, pièces of molten metal can and do get trapped in the operators' boots. causing burns which take weeks to heal. A slurry of dust and sweat builds up on the worker's face if he chooses to wear the paper mask which management offers as an answer to the dust problem.

Glasses are compulsory to protect eyes from the extreme heat and from foreign bodies, but tinted lenses are only sup-plied on production of a letter from a doctor. The difficulty is that both blinding glare and murky gloom, when the worker powders up the die before

powders up the die before casting, are encountered on the same job.

The workers themselves believe that their firm is making handsome profits. The truth may be more complicated, but the fact that they think this to be the case can only heighten the feeling of only heighten the feeling of "them and us" which so bedevils British industry.

It is to be hoped that the £22m which the Government is making available to the ferrous foundries will only be granted

to those firms undertaking a radical improvement in working conditions. This is public money. It is time that the pressure of public opinion should be brought to bear upon thuse who are responsible for the health and welfare of a little known but vitally important part of this country's work-Yours faithfully,

JANET DODGSON, Flood Street Farm Fordingbridge,

Industrialists should discuss their work in schools and universities

From Mr Vincent Edkins

Sir, Your correspondent Mr Gor-don-Ingram and Miss Barkley (January 25) draw attention to the Industrial Society's Chalthe Industrial Society's Char-lenge of Industry courses, and to an initiative by the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants in holding a seminar for staff-form pupils.

The British Association for the Advancement of Science, with industry academic and government support, is currently conducting an inquiry into the education (including career advices training and de-ployment of engineers in manu-facturing industry. The inquiry team has been impressed by the number of organizations and individuals active in the field of provision of information to young people concerning indusyoung people concerning indus-try. As part our report, we would like to publish a list of all these initiatives so that young people, and their parents and teachers, may have a ready reference of where they may go for help and information.

We would stress the words help and information, so that young people can make ther choice: based on a realistic picture of industry, and of the opportunities it affords both for personal fulfilment and for con-

tribution to seciety.

We are already in contact with the CBI and its Understanding British Industry scheme, with PETT, SATRO and similar organizations. We would be particularly interested to hear from your readers of local initiatives which have proved successful and which, if adopted elsewhere, might help to improve the understanding and cooperation between industry and schools. Yours faithfully. VINCENT EDKINS,

Senior Project Officer, British Association for the Advancement of Science, Annual Meeting 1977, The University of Aston in Gosta Green, Birmingham, B4 7ET. January 26.

Sir, I find Mr Gordon-Ingram's Near Chinnor, comments about sixth formers' knowledge of industry (Janu-

duty of secrecy is crucial in of secrecy is not absolute the highest tradition of banking, but a number of examples of exemptions we examples of exemptions we cited in the case of Tournie union members are becoming National Provincial Bank increasingly aware that they are sometimes forced to become (a) Where disclosure is m custodians of information which

compulsion by law; (b) Where there is a duty the public to disclose: (c) Where the interests of hank requires disclosure. Yours faithfully,

BILL VOSE, Assistant Secretary. National Union of Bank Employees, Sheffield House,

ary 25) interesting yet justifiable.

I am a sixth former ar find that the majority of 1 I know about industry was

actually taught to me but what I have been lucky ent what I have been ducky ent to pick up from my pan other adults and newspan I am probably lucky to I anything at all and I do boast to know a vast and but has Mr Gordon Inconsidered school chil whose parents are not in it try and therefore large knowledge direct from 8

one involved?

I cannot remember he had specific lessons on it try, and it was not until a days ago when an industr visited my school that I i anybody speaking on the ject. How, then, does Gordon-Ingram suggest learn what he expected pupils at the school he v to know? Many of us cannot hely

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comparative ignorance in sphere and, had we the an of free time needed is the various magazines. papers on the market knowledge might be incre But, more important, w going to answer these functions and exissues we do not underst Surely, to do this we need set aside specifically for cussion and argument. Mr Gordon-Ingram's Mr Gordon-Ingram's state that more people should and universities to speak t generation on this subject are the ones that the f depends upon and those equipped to teach us about importance of industry as opportunities are the irralists of the present.

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(Miss), Crowell End, Oxfordshire.

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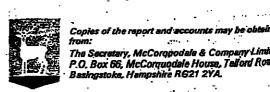
Mr. Alastair McCorquodale, Chairman, reports:

Ordinary dividend

* Profit of Group disappointing as a result of trading loss by The Falconer

equipment. * A good and encouraging start made..... to the current year.

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million ft for the board's Littlebrook "D" power station raises the total value of titanium

ing it now the world's largest producer of titanium tubing. Orders have also been received

Since then orders have been placed for similar tubing for the five 660MW turbines at Grain, the oil-fired station under

Magnox nuclear station. An IMI spokesman said yesterday that American, European and Japanese power utilities had made increasing

industrial relations. West Germany has a highly developed system of industrial encompassing labour courts, workers' coun-cils at plant level and a twotier board system. In contrast to the majority proposals of the Bullock Committee, workers representatives in Ger-

It is only the second time

increase for two years.

Claims rose from £29.9m in 1974-75, to £42m in 1975-76, and

The ECGD, which under-

Within this framework, users would tailor the sytem to meet

Computer news

Among the product announce-ments was the 66/85, the largest

computing scale, the new Series 21 systems announced by Mohawk are based on groups of operator stations which, in

Well known as a pioneer of key-to-tape data-entry systems for computers, MDS now makes data recorders, key-to-disc sys-tems, "intelligent" terminals and preprocessors.

Mr Ralph O'Brien, president

buted applications."

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Whitbread strike made official

Chemical growth hope

Honeywell and MDS 'distributed' systems

types of distributed computing.
Mr Brian Long director of
marketing and planning for
Honeywell Information Systems in the United Kingdom, said

work processing.
Information processing was represented by a supervisory host computer at a central site; satellite computers at strategic locations; and terminals which

Thirdly, the network process-

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Tempering the hot money theory

Mr Ronald Royston, chairman

stake is worth over £2m on the

Any four-day week working must have an adverse effect on

business interruption accounts.
But on the other side of the

equation the important motor

accounts, after initially higher claims, may benefit from the reduction in traffic in recent

weeks. And any reduction in

the working week could have a favourable effect on the trouble-

some workmen's compensation

The big freeze may not, therefore, have as dramatic

an effect on the companies as

the market seemed to fear.

Deposits from

the gross external

Opec countries

The reviving confidence of the

Euromarkets last year is apparent enough in the third

The interbank marker, which had declined by \$4,900m in the first half, came back to life with a rise of \$3,000m, partly affecting the market and according to the state of \$3,000m.

reflecting the growing demands

of developed countries to fund their balance of payments deficits. The BIS points out, for

instance, that there was a significant increase in domestic

feature of the figures, however, is the evidence of a continued

strong build up in deposits by

oil exporting countries. Earlier last year it looked as though a

combination of inflated develop-

ment programmes and reduced oil offtake was eating into the

Opec would be a much less expansive factor in the Euromarkets than had seemed likely.

sequent quarter. Of this latter amount, half

came into London. Europe itself was the other main supplier of funds, but, significantly, there was a modest net supply of funds by the non-oil developing

countries. The BIS notes that the external borrowing of these countries—widely seen as in dire need of new money—have

Euromarkets

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Overseas Bankers Club one particular morsel he indication that the ities do not appear to be illy perturbed at the it about the inflow of as funds. e has been no shortage

culation on the size of aflows over the past few not least in the context speedy sell-out of the 250m long "tap". This, has given rise to specuon the possibility of the iction of new exchange s. In the summer of 1971 le armoury of weapons atroduced to deter hot from flowing into the fresh foreign buying of

ment stock. official line at the t, however, seems to be rge though the inflow of is funds of one kind and r may be; the element of mey is not in fact the proportion. The amounts and lags has been sub-while the potential of funds from the sternancing of third country is now reckoned to be lably more than the

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in the North Eastern l-Eastern states and of ruit barvests in Florida. oo early to estimate the of the United States on the insurers. But at y stage it appears that tket has over-reacted companies have little in the Florida market, withdrawn from hur-

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il bad weather areas at e of year, but the will undoubtably hit sh groups' household Weyburn

Selling out

Weyburn Engineering seems likely to follow Richards of Sheffield and possibly Crane Fruehauf of recent memory into American hands. But unlike some Weyburn's enthusiasm for the deal has made it a fait accompli, unless that is, the Bank of England is adverse to the inflow of United States \$30m; the Takeover Panel finds some flaw in the arrangement; or it is held to be against the national interest under the foreign acquisition provisions of the Industry Act.
For Weyburn shareholders
the possibility of a paper alterpative to the cash bid depends on whether Carborundum bids through its United States

apparently been exceeding their

parent company or its British subsidiary, and that is a matter to be decided by its United States tax lawyers within the next two weeks.

Otherwise, investors who held the stock before last March's pine for four rights investor that the stock before last March's pine for four rights investor at the stock of the stock before last March's nine-for-four rights issue at par (25p) are being offered a lou per cent premium, at 425p, over their rights adjusted price then of 162p. That, representing an exit p/e ratio of 10.6 on the 1975-76 results, looks fair.

Shareholders who bought on the strength of Weyburn's impressive record over recent years—turning 1973's £179,000 pre-tax profits into £2.83m last year—and on its consistant talk of further growth, may view the terms with less favour, but the bid price is 57p higher than the shares have been since the beginning of 1976 and as Carborundum now has effective control, shareholders would have to take a particularly optimistic view about the market to object

quarter surge of growth, following the relatively modest expansion of the preceding half. Thus, the Bank for Infer-Slater, Walker national Settlements reports Mr Goldsmith's currency assets of banks in eight European reporting countries as rising by \$11,300m in other interest the third quarter, up by nearly \$3,000m from the preceding two quarters combined.

The shares of Slater, Walker Securities have more than doubled over the past formight, to 12 p yesterday, thanks principally to a remarkable acceleration at the end of last week which the naive were prepared to attribute to the fact that, in respect of the extradition proceedings against him, the Horseferry Road Magistrates Court had found on Wednesday that Mr Slater had no case to

lending in foreign currency by banks in Italy and the United Kingdom, the banks refinancing Falling interest rates, a rising Slater, Walker's thriving unit trust management team had timed their investment policy nicely provide a much more convincing set of reasons—that and the realization that Slater, Perhaps the most significant Walker may well have been substantially undervalued be-With bank base rates now

coming down the dramatic drain on Slater, Walker's cash flow imposed on the one hand markets than had seemed likely. In fact, growth between March and September in Opec deposits was the most rapid since December, 1974, when the BIS began publishing the figures. Between March and June Opec's supply of funds to the market increased from \$34,400m to \$37,400m, rising by another \$3,700m in the subsequent quarter. by low yielding investments will to some extent be staunched: and the group is still moving to block it off. altogether with asset sales—the stakes in James Finlay and Direct Spanish being recent examples. The banking side still is not likely to be on its own feet and free of Bank of England support for some time; but meanwhile the re-organized unit trust and insurance interests are starting to

expand again
None of this suggests that SW
shareholders will be seeing an
early return on their shares of course, but there is now evi-dence to suggest that the worst

Cheap air fares to Europe take off The latest broadside delivered by British Airways in cutting

scheduled air fares to certain southern European destinations by half adds to the considerable confusion which already exists about how much travel lers should legitimately pay for air travel. At one time in the recent past, the layman's under-recent past, the layman's under-standing of the International Air Transport Association's rules was that reductions were only given on inclusive pack-ages which included accommo-

dation and which were for a

Then, in the early 1960s a different fare structure was introduced on "long haul" flights to the United States. Canada, the West Indies and like destinations which offered reductions on travel which was booked and paid for well in advance of departure but which did not include accommodation. The latest set of fares are an application to European fares of the advance booking charter principle at present widely used for transatiantic travel. To obtain them and to apply them to scheduled services, British Airways has had to enter imo reciprocal arrangements with the national airlines of the countries concerned.

Yugoslavia and Greece so far. To qualify, travellers must book and pay for the flight at least 30 days ahead of departure, and stay in the country of destina-tion for at least two weeks (for Greece it is one week) and not more than three months.

British Airways is hoping that experience in the southern European countries of these special advance purchase excur-sion (Apex) fares will help to persuade its conferes in nor-thern European airlines to adopt a similar system in the

In this it may be hampered by the undoubted confusion by the undoubted conrusion which exists among fare paying travellers. To add to the confusion, British Airways at the same time as announcing its Apex fare structure in Europe introduced new discount fares on a different basis to Spain and Portugal.
Again these have no bearing

on accommodation but instead of relating to advance booking fares. Under the new regula-tions operating from April 1, groups of not less than three (and this may include children)

must be made two weeks ahead of departure, with the length of stay limited to one and seven

Patricia Tisdall and Arthur Reed on moves by the airlines to win more passengers

In devising its special dis-count fares, the airlines have tried to build in requirements which make them unattractive to full fare paying travellers which in most instances is the business traveller. Traditionally businessmen have proved reluct-ant, whatever the fare incentive, to book more than a week shead of departure. They are certainly not motivated to take advantage of package deals which include commodation. Equally, British Airways

which operates its own fastgrowing package holiday Sover-eign and Enterprise division is anxious not to milk the inclu-sive holiday field, despite the protests from the Association of British Travel Agents and others about the effects of the new fares on the holiday mar-

on the transatiantic routes. BA is clearly looking for similar growth in Europe.

In this it may be sadiy disappointed because the tendency particularly in small and medium sized firms is for business travellers to depart from the traditional money no object" attitudes and to se out fare bargains even if doing so causes them some inconveni-ence. To obtain these most of the larger retail travel agents which previously dealt only with holiday travel have developed

specialist divisions dealing with business travel.

Observers of the aviation scene believe that it is more than a coincidence that the initiative towards chieap fares came at the same timesas the British Civil Aviation Authority and its offshoot, the Airline Users' Committee criticized the level and complexity of the European tariff, terming it a

Certainly, British Airways representatives refuting the charge at the CAA hearing into European fares in London three tariff to support their case. But in offering such sweep-

Agreement has been obtained can travel to Spain and Portupotential of developing new ing reductions the airlines go operate the special fares begal at 60 per cent less than the trade of this sort is well proven some way to proving that the ween Britain and Italy, Turkey, standard fare. Here the booking on the transatlantic routes. BA Airline Users' Committee have a point. Plainly, European fares' have now reached such a high level (£33 for the single fare for the 209 miles between Lendon and Paris; £180 single for the 1,735 miles to Rhodes) that there is a disincentive to travel, and other ways must be found of filling the thousands of empty seats in the new fleets of wide-body airliners in which the airlines have invested.

British Airways based their Apex scheme on their experience with such fares, and advance booking charter (ABC) fares, on the north Atlantic, routes. Here again they were introduced at a time when traffic was sagging, and are going. some way to mopping up a vastover-capacity.

The airline now wants to extend the concept on routes into other countries. But while they had little trouble in convincing their Italian, Turkish and Greeks' airline colleagues within latar. that Apex fares would perk up their tourist trade, there could be sriff opposition within that conservative airline body to further expansion.

Ronald Kershaw

Who will temper the wind to the steelmakers?

Brown's interest.

The long and sometimes exciting fight for Dunford and Ellion, the steel and engineering group, appears to be all over but for the formalities.

In making its bid for Dunford, which was in the process of raising several millions in the City, Johnson and Firth Brown was determined to mount what it termed a rescue

operation whether Frank Welsh, hairman of Dunford, and his board wanted it or not. When board wanted it or not. When there appeared to be an even chance that J&FB's bid would succeed, "Tiny" Rowland came to the rescue, with £14,300,000 of Lonrho money which, effectively "sayed" the beleaguered Dunford from J&FB and for Lonrho Lourho.
Whether the outcome will suit

all the shareholders is a moot point. The likelihood is that the Londo offer will suit enough, and the rest will have had the satisfaction of seeing their share prices go from 15p to the offer price of 75p in three months.

As it is, Mr Rowland is reported to be prepared to guarantee the jobs of some six thousand Dunford workers so there have been no complaints from the unions yet and with Mr Welsh retaining the chair-manship of the company and said to have obtained the next best thing to retaining its It also retains its preeminen

position among what might be loosely called the special steels private sector. "Loosely" because the public and private sectors have different methods of classifying their products. The British Steel Corporation tends to consider aspecial some products the British Independent Steel Producers Association (Bispa) rank as fairly mundane

Bispa points out that the United Kingdom's maximum potential output of steel is in the region of thirty million tons a year of which, in a broad sense, special steels account for some three million tons. By value the picture is completely different with special steels commanding a much high pro-portion than the tonnages.

Special steels in the Bispa context include only stainless steel bars, tool steel and high-speed steel. They do not include stainless flat products of which BSC has a virtual

Special steel producers are working at a level of 50 per cent or less of capacity as a result of an import induced re-cession. In 1974, when there was a boom period, imports doubled, but when the 1975 recession came imports stayed at

'Without the existing level of imports the private sector would be working at 80 pc capacity'

Following repeated exhortations for action the Government has now arrived at some temporary arrangements for a pre-ferential duty on imports from Spain, a tonnage understanding with Japan, but nothing has yet been done to restrain imports from Austria, Sweden and West Germany, the principal offenders. Without the existing level of imports the private sector of special steels would be working at a recession level of 80 per

cent of capacity.
In the broader context Bispa would include low alloy steels, and some carbon and non-alloy steels where they are used for high duty or special applications but might require the best mechanical properties. It is into this sector that the principal interests of the Dunford group falls through the owner-ship of Dunford Hadfield and Brown Bayley Steels, which between them are the largest producers of alloy steel in the independent sector; hence the

About 20 years ago there

years ago there were 55, today there are about 25 and they

steel area there will probably

It is not felt that any reduc-

tion in capacity is necessary because it is in balance with

national demand and export potential. The only reason it is

monopoly. In the special steel range Bispa companies produce roughly 20,000 tons of tool steel, 30,000 tons of stainless bars and 15,000 tons of high-speed

make tool and high-speed steel, and stainless steel bars. The view generally held is that eventually in this very special be only three companies in each of the high-speed, tool steel and stainless steel fields.

> working at a low level now is that 80 per cent of imports, Bispa maintains, are being "dumped". Of the low alloy steel producers, Dunford Hadfield is a valuable and well-respected supplier to the home United Kingdom engineering industry, particularly of motor car steels. In the low alloy field they have plant which is ahead of the

Bispa is of the view that there will be a future in low alloy engineering steels because United Kingdom plants, includ-

reason for Johnson and Firth ing the BSC, are modern and technical expertise is so good that they have a cost lead in this area over some other leading European countries. could make special steels, 10 The tragedy is that at present

they are unable to make use of these advantages because the Europeans are selling regardless Activity in the very special steels area, stainless, tool and

high-speed, is low and has been for two years. Bispa consider the recession to be the longest and deepest ever suffered by this section of the industry. When there was a "mini boom" in Europe at the beginning of the 1970s' Britain never saw any part of it.

The BSC have fared better

with their stainless flat products and are working at about seventy per cent of capacity

Hand-forgings demand is stagnant. Drop forgings on the other hand are doing well because in the main they are tied to what is regarded as a

case—the reason, imports again, Some forty per cent of demand for tool and high-speed steels and fifty per cent of stainless steel are met from imports. The private sector justifiably ask why the British Government cannot follow the example of the United States Government which slapped on quotas across the board when imports reached 25 per cent-and nobody had to prove

dumping, Cutbacks resulting from commercial pressures have caused 1,600 redundancies in the Sheffield area which is a sig-nificant number when one considers that fewer than 10,000 are now employed in the very special steel plants. The figure was almost eighteen thousand in 1971.

The most optimistic forecast I could find, bearing in mind the cyclic nature of the industry, is that one might expect stainless steel bars to recover about the middle of the year and tool and high-speed steels at the turn of the year, relatively buoyant motor but this is conditional on action industry. It follows that tool being taken against imports. steel and high-speed steel, required to cut the alloy in the up reasonably well and it is motor industry, should also be hoped this trend will continue.

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Business Diary: Wembley conference kick-off • Hello dollies

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onference from the tates, that for profesiechanical engineers, booked for next year. are already good for an and winter of this the 1983 deary showing a sprinkling

get into its stride 1979 when at least a soft return on capital The centre needs cent yearly occupancy the break-even point. ke of Kent contrived "Jay's officiel opening

** cautious note about a's embitious hopes of an "enormous" curact overseas conferwarned, the tat horel and travel e are being accom-

cash customer is the Euro vision song contest in March. John Lord, assistant manager at the new centre, hopes to establish a joint foreign marketing scheme with the Birming-ham Natioal Exhibition Centre, and conference centres at the Barbican (due to open in 1979)

British conference centres face a proliferation of well-established conference or well-established conference venues on the Continent. Paris has just added the Centre Internationale de Paris to its three older big halls; a new centre is about to open in Berlin and there are others in every big West German city. What both Wembley and the

Barbican are counting on is the fact that so many international conferences have strong British links. They point to the fact that even with its grossly inadequate facilities, London has been for years near the top of international conference

Job lots

There will be, without doubt, those among the readers of this diary who are keen to buy, for example, 549 compres-sors, or 240 cranes, or 1,340 generators, or 719 bulldozers, or failing that, what are described as "556 pipeline equipment, bending bevel nachines, beaters, clamps, pigs, backfill units, dollies".

These are just some of the such as the giant four ideo image of him fected as he spoke. veek's unsers at the ong Youth Charter e are being according to the bigger auctions of the bigger a

the industrial goods that will be auctioned is estimated at

shareholders ought to be pray-ing that bids for these items are high and plentiful. The Alaska oil pipeline is nearly completed and its con-

vast amounts of dispensable equipment. BP is a major backer of the pipeline and a successful auction of the surplus machinery will help to offset some of the more than \$7,000m cost of building the

before the late autumn and it may take two years to com-plete. Prospective buyers, plan-ning a trip to see the merchan-dise, will be delighted to learn that Anchorage is enjoying quite a heat-wave, with warmer winter than is being experienced in Washington and

A new drill

CompAir, Britain's largest manufacturers and exporters portable air compressors, have promoted John James, 50, to be managing director of their biggest subsidiary. Comp-Air Construction and Mining. James is little known outside the compressed air business but inside his name is already

Most of us take compressors for granted as those noisy machines which produce air under pressure to drive any-thing from a road drill to a multi-faced spanner for fitting car wheels. James is the man who not only took the noise of compressors but also did away with air tanks, the potentially dangerous part of many compressors. They have ree as a way of buyience and a certain be auctioned is estimated at
f publicity. The first \$800m and British Petroleum's



Sixteen years ago, he was a development engineer with one of Chloride Electrical Storage's subsidiaries when that group acquired the rights of a new type of rotary vane compressor. He was appointed managing director of Hydrovane, Redditch, a company formed to exploit the breakthrough. Today, Hydrovane claims to

be the world's leading manufacturer of vane compressors. It is currently selling more in one week than it sold in the whole of its first year, and more than 75 per cent are going overseas. Hydrovane was always the

odd man out in Chloride so nearly five years ago, with their blessing, James went looking for a new owner. He found it in CompAir. Now he is moving from Redditch with its 320-strong labour force to

Camborne, Cornwall, to take charge of a two-factory company with over 2,000 employees.

Worts and all

The long hot summer and the xtraordinary demand ahead of extraordinary demand anead of the December mini-budget pushed beer production to a record 40.1m barrels last year. Yet monthly Customs and Excise figures issued through-out the year suggested that the Brewers' Society forecast of a 1 per cent decline from 1975's 39.45m barrels would be accur-ate.

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This apparent discrepancy can be explained; the Excise figures were wrong. Actual output was underestimated by 172,800,000 pints.

Assessment of beer duty is made at the "wort" stage of production and until last year

this was a perfectly acceptable formula to all concerned. However, duty changes in the 1974 Finance Act meant that the industry could indulge in "high gravity brewing" without the extra duty penalties incurred previously.

The process involves brewing beer to a gravity higher than that at which it is retailed and then diluting it to its final form at the fermentation stage. This enables brewers to maxi-mize output from existing plant. But as the dilution takes place after the duty assessment point Excise figures have become in-

The Treasury received exactly the same in duty and the drinkers' pints were exactly the same in strength and taste, but the industry last year wallowed in gloom derived from unreliable figures. Stock markets

Second liners hold on but leaders succumb

for 10 weeks as small, but persistent profit-taking weakened prices over a broad front at the start of the new account.

tart of the new account. Most of the heaviest losses Gilts were also hit by selling came from the "blue chip" and, in spite of several attempts equities. Typical were Unilever, at a rally, short dates were lower by between one-quarter and one-half, "mediums" by three-eighths to three-quarters and "longs" by as much as 1;

Burmah Oil was still strong on its United States financing deal. It went against the trend with a rise of 2p to 66p. The share was also helped by unsupported talk that there may soon be a settlement with the Bank of England over the BP shares bought by the Bank at the time of the Burmah crisis two years

Equity dealers said that selling was not heavy. But with leading shares in a nervous state after last week's strong gains, the FT Index closed 12.7 off at 390.5, at the bottom, and more than Friday's rise. cancelling out

In spite of this performance, market men remained reasonably cheerful, feeling that the slide was predictable after some cautious weekend press com-

ment on interest rates. They pointed out that the second-liners had stood up comparatively well.

a stake, up 7p to 147p in sym-pointed out that the second-pathy. Both Cable Trust 31p first on Thistle field worries, to 1291p and Globe 21p to 871p rallied to close a penny to the were better on merger talks good at 114p.

lower by 14p to 426p, Glaxo, 12p to 453p, ICI 10p to 354p, Fisons 9p to 328p, and Beecham 8p to 406p.

Insurances were also well down, additionally worried that the severe weather in the United States would bring a rush of claims there. Here, too, there were double figure losses with Sun Alliance down 13p to 402p, Royal 12p to 308p, General Accident 11p to 165p, Commercial Union 11p to 111p and Hambro Life 10p to 210p.
The clearing banks, which are expected to reduce their base rates again this week, also went lower, though more

modestly. The best was Barclays, just 3p off at 265p, but Midland gave up 4p to 278p, National Westminster 5p to 230p and Lloyds 6p to 212p. Standard Chartered was again a particularly weak spot, losing another 14p to 293p, but Schroders defied the trend with a rise of 5p to 310p.

After a 425p cash bid from Carborundum, Weyburn shot up 46p to 416p, with L. Gardner, where Rolls-Royce has

Cavenham warrants present an interesting exercise in risk and reward. They run until 1983 and are exercisable when the ordinary shares reach 133p. So the implication of Générale Occidentale's proposed bid at 120p is that they are worthless

Eut rule 29 of the Takeover Code requires bidders to recogcode requires states to recog-nize the rights of the holders of convertibles, warrants and options. Then again, there could be a higher bid. But the warrants fell from 29p to 22p, in busy dealings.

Some favourable comment was good for rises of 5p to 44p for S. Lyles, 23p to 123p for FPA Construction and 3p to 55p for Tecalemit. But John Brown dipped on to 128p on profit-taking after Friday's big rise. Reed, 3p to 214p, and BAT Industries, 7p to 272p, lost ground ahead of figures

Oils followed the general trend with Shell down 6p to 490p and Ultramar 5p to 150p. But BP, after announcing investment plans, held steady at

rallied to close a penny to the Tube Investments, down 2p to

The prospect of interest rates holding steady for some time to come reversed the upward trend in properties with Haslemere losing 9p to 185p, Great Portland 6p to 224p, Stock Conversion 6p to 184p and MEPC 3p to 71p. Going the other way was Churchbury which immed 8p to 178p. Others to rise were Redfearn National 6p to 100p on expansion plans, Furness Withy 7p to 224p and Aaronson Brothers, which scored an impressive 15p rise

with the exception of AP Cement, lower by 9p to 184p, the building sector put up a comparatively strong performance with Laing just a point off at 87p, London Brick down 1p to 44p, and 2p drops from Taylor Woodrow at 274p and Wimpey 48p. Kleeman held firm at 180p.

344p, but Metal Box 10p to 270p, was more in line with the market trend. Some stores also reached lower ground, notably Boots of to 138p, WH Smith "A" op to 364p, Mothercare op to 218p, Marks & Spencer 4p to 101p and British Home Stores 3p to 159p. Bowater fell 7p to 185p

On the engineering pitch, the best spot was to be found in

Ahead of figures due tomorrow London, which featured last week on the Dunford & Elliott bid, rose 3p to 76p, Equity turnover on January 28 was £109.77m (22,192 bargains). Active stocks yesterday according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Tricentrol, Rank, Commercial Union, Shell, GEC. BAT Dfd, BP, Thorn "A", Marks & Spencer, Grand Metropolism, Distillers, Burnah politan. Distillers, Burmah, Barclays, EMI, John Brown, Hanson Trust, MEPC, Slater Walker, Royal Insurance and

Latest dividends

(and par value) div Howard Shuttering (10p) Int 0.77 Leistire Caravan (10p) Int 2.15 Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Forecast. † Already

Thos Ward still bent on

With the outlook still clouded for the current year, Thos W. Ward's gearing remains a major

cause of concern. Mr D. F. Walton, chairman, says in his annual report that the relationship between share-holders' funds and borrowings has improved significantly since last year's rights issue. But interest costs are still a burden.

The chairman says that the

while industrial services are still finding business difficult. But motor distribution will probably receive a boost partly through the launch of the new

Hopes fulfilled at Leisure Carayan

A thirteenth record year in row is assured at Leisure Caravan Parks. In the eight months to October 31, pre-tax profits of this Hemel Hempstead-based caravan park operator_jumped 35 per cent to

The group's business is seasonal, but money is set aside to cover winter expenses, so profits in the full year to February 28 should not differ materially from these imerim

Over the whole of last year paid in advance.

profits rose from £955,000 to £1.18m. Mr D. Allen, chairman, points our that the results are in line with forecast. Demand

continues to grow.
Shareholders recently received an interim dividend of 3.31p gross against 2.57p, and a total for the year of 8.16p against 7.4p gross has been forecast. The group was confident of a record result last August, when the annual meeting heard

that at least £1.5m would be made. The group lets caravan sites annually, and gets more than half its income from rents

UDT in £6.6m disposal

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The £6.6m is equivalent to 51 Dominions Trust is selling its 51

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The amount UDT Inter-

Since last October UDT has sold for £2.5m cash its Hong-kong subsidiary to Barclays Bank International and its New Zealand Banking Group bought the SO per cent interest in national will get under the the 80 perfect interest in agreement includes a special Endeavour Investments (New dividend to be paid imme- Zealand) for E3.4m.

Francis Pk improving / but auditor qualify

the year to March 31, show that Francis Parker building supplier and h builder, swelled its I from £1.27m to £1.76m. Turnover was £22.7m as

F29.2m. The group was hardle United Kingdom in charges of £2.5m against i which wiped out United dom profits of £1.28m au £1.56m.

The picture improved the six months to Septe 30. Losses of £119,000 f into profits of £122,000 } Turnover was f against £12.1m. All the ru was made in the United dom with trading profits from £1.3m to £1.53m at terest charges dipped £1.29m to £1.2m.

Naturally there is no div Mr R. K. Francis, chain says that disposals being cut borrowings by £5.5m. December 31. Sales of including the land bank leave the group well place he can give no timetable return to "satisfactory"; In qualifying the ac the auditors say that in y group losses they are una form an opinion of the va

Racal's US rivals for Milgo approve equity base

The rivalry between the British Racal Electronics and the American group Applied Digital Racal in the United States. Date Systems to buy Milgo

They also approved an increase in the authorized common stock from 5m to 15m shares and the creation of a new shares of \$1 par value.

in favour.

wealthy.

into the gilt market.

edged Barclaybond is £500.

valuable capital gains.

The gaining of Milgo would be the first real footbold for Racal's trump card remains the recommendation of the Milgo Electronics has been taken stage further. Stockholders of Applied Digital approved the offer to acquire and worth \$46m, about \$27.5m. Applied Digital's counter-offer is in paper

If the deal goes through for Racal it will mean an immediate boost to Racal's sales in the class of preferred stock of 5m United States from 4 per cent of the total to almost a quarter. | shortly".

With all the news coverage Gilts have

been getting lately you'll know why they're

British Government securities yield a

high and secure income. They can produce

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quickly to the news of political and

Argo takes 64 pc

lowering its gearing

By Richard Allen

In the latest balance sheet shareholders funds represent 55 per cent of total capital em-ployed against 47 per cent a

iron and steel division will undoubtedly earn less until demand for scrap and steel recovers. With associate com-panies in the construction division having already reported first six months figures, main-

Country & N Town realizes £4m

Owner of a chunk of the yearly increase of 99 per cent, profitability for the C Strand and a long string of pro-vincial shop and office proper-ties. Country and New Town Lord Camoys, newly-elected

treatment would have swept encouraging

them away.

Before interest and tax profits were as high as \$1.39m against \$1.23m. But im-rest absorbed \$179.000 more at \$1.27m. So pre-tax profits fell from \$137.000 to \$119.000 and after \$152.000 in provisional care.

these and it is pointed out that This will give shareholders of expenses on properties held the plastics and material handfor development had been sub-tracted instead of being treated take-over bid from Arthur Guin-as deferred revenue expendiness. The NEB recently extenas deferred revenue expendi-ture, another £91,000 would

revenue spending will be re-viewed with the annual

accounts. As usual, there is no interim dividend.

However, much has happened to the group since last July. The group made £4m from selling the Blundells store and other Strand department store has Fresh advance looked planning permission to change from surplus show room space to offices at the front of four iloors on the Strand.

Amex Bank doubles in a year

Amex Bank, the London-based nerchant banking subsidiary of American Express International Charterbouse Group, in his Banking Corporation, reports a annual statement. The main consolidated pre-tax profit of sources of the upturn in 1976 53.72m for the twelve months to December 31, 1976, compared with 52.33m for the previous ties, particularly in North 15 months. This represented a America; an improvement in

ries, Country and New Town
Properties is successfully curbing borrowings.

This is all to the good becker executive officer of Amex

cause interest charges in the Bank, reports: "The develop-six months to July 31 nearly ment of Anex Bank as a fullypushed net profits out of sight fled ad international merchant and a conservative accounting ban! during 1976 has been very

V hite Child plan 5137.000 to £119.000 and after The National Enterprise £52.000 in provisional tax net Bourd's offer to inject £1.1m profits were £12,000 down at and take a 24 per cent stake in VVI. te Child & Beney, has been Minorities took 543,000 of extended until March 24.

ded its offer until March 14. have gone?

The first closing date for the
Guinness offer is February 14
velopment expenses as deferred and the meeting of White Child

shareholders to consider the NEB offer had been called for

for by Charterhouse successfully

" Having strengthened strengthened the equity base and earning capacity of the Group. I am confident that, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, we shall be reporting an increase in profit in 1977", declares Mr J. G. Vaughan, chairman of the were a higher level of profit from development capital activicompanies; new recon-Spring Grove; substantia creased profit from expor gether with gains from co translations and a good bution from the smaller,

Tate & Lyle-Manb to swap loan stock

The Tate and Lyle wants to facilitate the ra sation of the sugar r interests of the group fol the acquisition of Manb Garton.

Holdings of unsecured stock of Manbré should changed for unsecured stock of Tate and Lyle -Loan stock 1994-1999-6 issued under the offe Manbre will not carr rights of conversion. scheme goes through it effective from April I.

Provident Financia HT Greenwood

Still struggling to buy C wherein it now has no per cent Provident F Group is buying H. T. wood, a personal finan pany ' £250,000.

At the vendor's requ consideration will be ordinary shares in Pr The number will be f reference to the middle quotation on the day of tion of the agreement the latest published of Greenwood, for months to September 30 net assets of £330,675. Since that date, losse fraud at one of 15 branches have that surplus.

Currency swings block Petrofina

Brussels, Jan 31.—Petrofina increase in net profits for the

against 170 francs.
Petrofina said that earnings grew a bit despite_substantial

losses on currency fluctuations, especially the dollar's decline against the Belgian franc. Petrofina added: "A great part of our revenue is in dollars

and if our results were expressed in that currency our result (for 1976) would have improved by 11.7 per cent from the preceding year." Taking account of a free

stock issue made for 1975 when it gave shareholders one new share for each 20 held with 100,000 shares reserved for the staff, Petrofina pointed out that its actual payout to share. holders will increase by 8.35 per cent from 1975 if its annual meeting on May 13 approves the current dividend proposal.— AP-Dow Jones.

Procter & Gamble Soap and detergent giant Procter & Gamble reports an

nait-year to December 31 from \$191.9m to \$235.4m. Sales rose rose in 1976 net profit to 6,000m from \$3,130m to \$3,560m. In the second quarter profits went up from \$86.57m to \$101.02m and from \$1.05 to \$1.22 a share. Sales in the second three records against 170 francs.

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Overseas

Computer sector lifts Honeywell

Reporting 1976 net profits up from \$76.5m to \$105.3m, Honeywell Inc says that information systems marked time but the computer side did much better. Revenues for the year rose from \$2,310m to \$2,520m.

Information systems rose only began to brighten.

Net computer bookings in the creased "significantly" for the year as a whole. Computer rental and service revenues increased 13.4 per cent to \$522m Jones.

Operating profit in th buildings market went \$64m to \$92m, and fro They also rose from \$41m in aerospace and

French stockbrok in merger

French stockbrokers Suchet have absorbed of Gadala. The newly company will operate a Gadala-Suchet. Anothe broking firm, Lambert et Cie, has merged with Last month the Pari brokers' Association sa: the 59 broking houses Paris Bourse reported

Conduits-Amhers

Toronto, Jan 31— Amherst has agreed to outstanding shares in T in the Republic of Irela price and identity of t

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Business appointments

Grand Metropolitan's new direc

Mr Anthony J. Tennant has gone on to the board of Grand Metropolitan, as a result of the additional responsibilities he assumed last June.

Mr P. W. Bennert becomes chairman today of W. H. Smith & Son (Holdings) following the retirement of Mr C. H. W. Troughton as chairman and as a director.

Mr D. Leighton-Boyce, director, and group treasurer of Pilking.

irement of Mr C. H. W. Troughton as chairman and as a director. Mr D. A. Acland is made chief executive of the group with responsibility for all subsidiaries. From February 28 Mr K. J. Morris. managing director retail, will become deputy chief executive of the group. Mr Morris will also be chairman of W. H. Smith International, a director of W. H. Smith Canada, and a member of the board of management of Book Club Associates, remains a director of Sims, the company owned jointly by W. H. Smith and Elsevier in The Netherlands. Mr

tor and group treasurer of Pilking-ton Brothers, and Mr C. Townston Brothers, and Mr C. Townsend, a deputy general manager of National Westminster Bank, are made non-executive directors. They replace Mr A. G. Touche who has resigned following his appointment as a deputy chairman of National Westminster Bank, and Mr G. P. L. Pickering who has retired. Mr A. Owen-Conway has become an assistant director.

Lord Camoys has been elected chairman of Amer Bank, London-based merchant banking subsidiary of American Express International American Express International

ceeded in this post by Macdougall, already 2 director. Mr C. D. S. Barciay I, the board of Truman.

Mr M. W. Jerram and Dore of Booker McCon gone on to the Kindo Accordingly, Mr M. H. Mr M. C. W. Wildy have from the board of Kinthe retirement of Mr F. February 12, Mr Jerram come chairman of Kir Mr Dore, chief executive,

to move, assess market trends to get the best advantages for bondholders. Gilt-edged Barclaybonds.

of Wms Hudson Argo Group has bought 1.3m

more Williams Hudson Group ordinary shares. They were bought at 25p. Included in this figure is 700,000 shares bought from Mr R. W. Roberts, deputy chairman of Williams Hudson. Argo now holds 7.25m shares

in Williams Hudson, 63.74 per cent, and expects to issue a document containing the offers to be made for the balance, and for the 8½ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1990/1995 of Williams Hudson "very

tained profits are expected.

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I ANCIAL NEWS AND MARK **Commodities** Briefly R & JACKSON Jan 28, Robert Fleming t 10,000 shares in Spear & n International at 127p as NG-GOLDEN HOPE Jan 28, Genting Highlands bought 135,000 shares in Hope Plantarions at 92p. three months £842-42.50. £812.50. Sales, £50 tons. seria-ou. Sales, 850 torus descented and the control of the contro IN CITY-LONRHO ho now owns 94.2 per cent ndon City and Westcliff less. Both ordinary and nce offers remain open IRN MOTOR nnald Mumford (a director estern Motor Holdings) on Jan 19, 40,000 ord in 1 Motor from his brother, Mumford (also a director) per share, increasing his to 100,000 shares. Mr fumford now has 83,400 PIRAN Piran advised by Mr J. J. that he has sold 550,000 in Saint Piran, reducing to 522,750 shares (8.96 1). nall carries: Morning.—Cash £332 52.50: three months. £346.50.45.00 Sattlemont. £332.50 Sales, 3.40 tons (about half Carries). ZiNC lost £5.25 for both cash an three months.—Afternoon.—Cash £10.60-20.50 metric ton. three months £10.60-20.50. Sales, 6.300 tons £40.405 Carries). Morning.—Cash £40.405 Carries ... Morning.—C TES-YORK TRUST IES YURK TRUST ice James Holdings has further 288,000 ord shares k Trust, making 1.33m (about 20.5 per cent). ON & PAUL on & PAUL wer of Boulton and Paul lled by British Electric 1) rose from £23.48m to 1 in the half-year to Sept tex profits £2.67m (against last time). PLATINUM was at 29: 55 (\$158.75) a troy ounce. OOD RUBBER ood Rubber advised by Mr Cloff that he now holds £1 stock units (14.16 per DENT-CATTLE'S an 17, Provident Financial 11,000 ord in Cattle's 183). It is now interested in 185 (25.71 per cent). WOOD HODGE figures for Blackwood (Canada) for 1976 not yet ed, but indications are a of about \$900,000. Board it intend to declare a divi-LFRED MARKS by Adia Interim SA for Marks Bureau accepted for hares (92.21 per cept). CONCENTRIC CONCENTRIC Wood Group sold on Jan '77, their holding of) ord shares of 10p each entric. Wood no longer / ord shares in Concentric. ric believes that these have been placed with mal investors. STO-D2; Feb. £150-55. Seirs: 112 lots. Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo) — March £240-45. The steady futures were steady (pence per kilo) — March £240-45. The steady futures were steady (pence per kilo) — March £255-57. Seive: £210-55. Seive: £210 A GROUP A GROUP nan states in annual report re is considerable export l, and indications are that existing customers will further in the current ank Base **Eurobond** prices Rates (midday indicators) \$ STRAIGHTS ays Bank 13% Alcan 9' 1988 London Secs 13% xare & Co. .. *13% s. Bank 13% nd Bank 13% Vestminster . 13% ninster Acc's 13% ey Trust 16% ms & Glyn's 13% / deposits on sums of XOG and nader 9'2%, 0 £35,000, 10% over 20 70 6 200. 1012 tr. IE COLLIERY COMPANY LIMITED Processed in Rhodesia) ICE TO HOLDERS OF CENT FIRST MORTGAGE' STURE STOCK 1862/78 DM FORMS CFP 8, 1985 ... 1031 1645 CFP 8, 1985 ... 1031 1645 Department 9, 1989 ... 10645 1675 ICI 8, 1982 ... 10645 1675 ICI 8, 1982 ... 10645 1675 Metrico 9 1982 ... 1022 1635 National Westiminster 8 1022 1635 Samittomo Metal Inds Siz 1982 ... 1035 Sam Int Fin 7, 1988 ... 1021 1635 Sumbonno Metal Inda Sum Int Pin 7a 1988 1022 1033 Sum Int Pin 7a 1988 1022 1033 Scouver Piles American Express Beautice Foods 41 1922 62 81 101 Beautice Foods 42 1925 115 117 Baarice Foods 42 1925 115 117 Baarice Foods 64 1991 116 118 Broaden 6 1922 116 118 Forden 6 1922 116 118 Forden 6 1923 118 117 Forden 6 1992 151 135 17 Forden 6 1992 151 135 17 Chevron 5 1998 17 Forden 6 1996 17 Forden 6 1996 17 Forden 1996 1997 1997 1997 Forden 1997 1997 1997 Forden 1997 1997 1997 Guillette 42 1997 1997 Guillette 42 1997 1997 Guillette 43 1997 Guillette 43 1997 Guillette 43 1997 Guillette 43 1997 Forden 1998 1997 Forden 29 1998 1997 Forden 29 1998 1998 Forden 29 Secretaries Per D. H. A. Harrison

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Foreign 2.410-20 marks from the 2.4220-40 pre-weekend rate.

The "effective devaluation" rate was 42.8 per cent against 42.7 per cent on Friday.

The dollar's losses rolled back the advance the currency made on Friday, after December data showed a substantial gain in US leading economic indicators and a reduced trade deficit.

American economic momentum and the trade improvement may not be maintained at December's pace, due to disruption to industry, particularly in eastern states, and higher energy imports, dealers said. **Spot Position** of Sterling

Exchange -

The dollar closed widely lower in Europe yesterday, reflecting concern that the severe winter conditions in the United States could, in the short-term, hamper the country's economic recovery.

The US unit closed at \$1.7150 against the pound from \$1.7135 on Friday while it retreated to 2.4110-20 marks from the 2.4220-40

Gold gained 7 cents an ounce to close in London at \$132.375.

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Discount market

The bank of England took advantage of the persisting huge shortage of credit to make the discount houses take some of the help in seven-day borrowing at an early stage in the week, thus signalling its displeasure with the extent of the decline in Treasury bill rate which knocked a full point off MLR on Friday.

The Bank lent a large sum at MLR (123 per cent) for seven days and, for technical reasons, lent an exteptionally large sum overnight to the same 10 or 11 houses at MLR. In addition, the Bank bought a moderate amount of Treasury bills both from banks and houses, as well as a small amount of local anthority bills and a small amount of "eligible" bank bills from the houses alone. This assistance seemed to have been considerably overdone. Rates that had not earlier been able to pull away from 124 per cent made a late dive to close anywhere between 6 per cent and 10 per cent for the houses while shiding as far 23 2 per cent or 3 per cent in the final stages of the interbank market. Discount market

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Still higher tin prices in prospect as buffer stock runs dry of metal

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The ceiling price set by the ITC in December last year, \$M1.325 per picul, has been well and truly breached and there is little prospect of any substantial reversal of recent steep prices in the immediate

An estimated current world deficit of 20,000 tonnes of tin, dwindling production and a continuing growth in consumption will all militate against price falls.

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On the consumption front, brokers Rudolf Wolff have pointed out that the American canning season is approaching and United States steel mills can be expected to enter the market in a substantial way in the next few weeks. the next few weeks.

Wolff's are bullish on tin and expect to see it rise more this year, with some fluctuations. They see gradually declining production as being due to the emergence of new deposits in weaker concentrations of the metal than formerly. Further, many new discognize are being many new discoveries are being found in less accessible sites. These factors tend to boost mining costs and restrain supply growth.

The smallest rise in consumption, in the medium term, could, Wolff's believe, make an impact on prices which could go as high as £6,000 per tonne go as high as £6,000 per tonne in due course.

With this sort of picture and with the Penang price consistently well over the ITA ceiling, there is little the ITC buffer stock manager can do to rebuild stocks unless a new higher ceiling price results from the ITC meeting.

ITC meeting.
The other "escape route"

to influence the market.
The United States is also

among consuming nations who have been opposed to further increases in the ITC price range, on the ground that this would be formal acknowledgment of prices which they consider to be already too high.

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Further, if it was proposed to raise the ceiling price, producer nations, led by Bolivia, would probably call for an increase in the minimum price of SM1.075, which would set a limit on any possible future fall. Bolivia has said, repeatedly, that the ITC's price ranges are unrealistic. It wants the rules to be amended to make the buffer be amended to make the buffer stock more effective in containstock more effective in containing a price surge rather than being under an obligation to sell when the price nears the ceiling. If the buffer stock manager was able to buy at a high price, runs the Bolivian argument, he would have a big stockpile when the price went even higher.

But this leads on to another of Bolivia's bones of contention: a much bigger buffer stock than

a much bigger buffer stock than the present 20,000 tonnes, financed almost entirely by the producer nations, would be required and that would mean consumer nations responding to the ITC's call to contribute to a doubling of the stock. So far, the response has been poor, with the United States a notable non-participant.

Reporting on Bolivian plans to expand tin refining capacity, the Latin America Commodities Report comments: "Almost everyone is now swinging round to the Bolivian view that the argument for a higher price range is incontrovertible." With a world deficit of

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"Bolivia now seems to have
been proved right and US intransigence to have been maybe
politically wise (at least
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The present situation regarding prices will really show which country is antiagreement—the US or Bolivia—when the next round of ITA discretisations are held. cussions are held.

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"All reports coming from La.
Paz indicate that Bolivia, which is more dependent on export earnings from tin than any other ITA producer, will withdraw from the pact only if all its attempts to reach a compromise fail.

"Unlike Melaysia and Indonesia . . . Bolivia has no other single export item to fall back on. Figures for 1975 show that

single export item to fall back on. Figures for 1975 show that Bolivian exports totalled \$518.1m, of which \$178m was accounted for by tin.

"Malaysia and Indonesia, too, do not face such high produc-tion costs, which explains why they voted for the compromise range in December and why range in December and why Malaysia has since announced that current world prices will encourage mining expansion.

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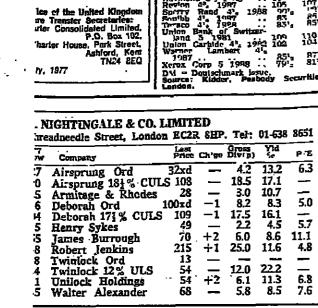
New York, Jan 31.—Prices headed sharply lower this morning in active trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 6.65 to shortly before 11 a.m.

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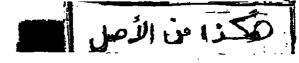
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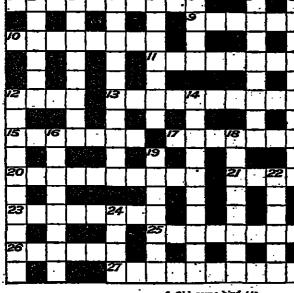
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